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Joseph Kony, the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, talks to journalists on Nov. 12, 2006, in Sudan. Kony is suspected in the mass killings of thousands of civilians in Uganda. Some U.S. lawmakers support expanding the U.S. military's role in stopping Kony.

STUART PRICE/AP

## AFRICOM's new focus?

Lawmakers push for U.S. to aid hunt for rebel leader

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — It's not exactly a call to arms, but it doesn't sound that far off either.

In a little-noticed piece of bipartisan legislation introduced this spring — the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act — a group of U.S. lawmakers is urging the Obama administration to form a strategy for taking out one of the most dangerous rebel leaders roaming the jungles of Africa: Joseph Kony, the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army.

"Kony's removal is essential to peace in the region," said Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., who was one of many Republican and Democratic politicians issuing statements following the bill's introduction.

Kony, who leads a ragtag rebel army largely made up of abducted child soldiers, is perhaps the most vilified man in Africa, where for the last 20 years he has sought to overthrow the government in Uganda. In the process, his soldiers have killed thousands and caused more than 1 million people to flee their homes, according to the United Nations.

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LOAY HAMEED/AP

An Iraqi policeman stands guard Monday outside a Christian church in the Dora neighborhood of Baghdad after a series of attacks in Baghdad and elsewhere left four dead.

## Iraq tightens security following multiple attacks on Christians

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi authorities imposed vehicle bans Monday in two mostly Christian towns and increased security around churches in Baghdad after attacks targeting the Christian minority.

A series of bombings in or near churches killed at least four people Sunday, including one that happened as worshippers were leaving Mass in eastern Baghdad.

Iraq's Christians have often been targeted by Islamic extremists, and many have fled the country despite an overall drop in violence in the past two years.

Fearing car bombs, authorities on Monday imposed vehicle bans in the towns of Tilkaif and Hamdaniyah. Both are predominantly Christian towns near the northern city of Mosul, where an Iraqi soldier was killed Monday when a bomb attached to his private vehicle exploded, police said.

Daldar Zebari, deputy head of the Ninevah provincial council, which includes Mosul, said the Christian-dominated areas of Mosul were a priority for the security services. But he added: "We will make our best efforts to keep security for the province and all its citizens of all ethnic and religious backgrounds without exception."

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QUOTE  
OF THE DAY

**"Unless you have a complete meltdown, you're going to get confirmed."**

— Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor at the beginning of her confirmation hearing

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## AFRICOM: Command's mission under debate

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The fate of the bill, which enjoys the support of such unlikely pairs as Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., remains unclear.

But it does raise questions that go to the heart of the debate surrounding the new U.S. Africa Command and its mission on the continent.

AFRICOM's stated purpose is to help its partner countries, through various training missions, develop the capacity to provide for their own security and protect their own borders. But should AFRICOM also be involved in the business of taking out rebel leaders? Particularly ones like Kony, who have been universally condemned for committing horrific atrocities?

Indeed, Kony's LRA allegedly has abducted some 30,000 children over the years and been accused of murdering and raping thousands. In 2005, the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Kony accusing him of crimes against humanity.

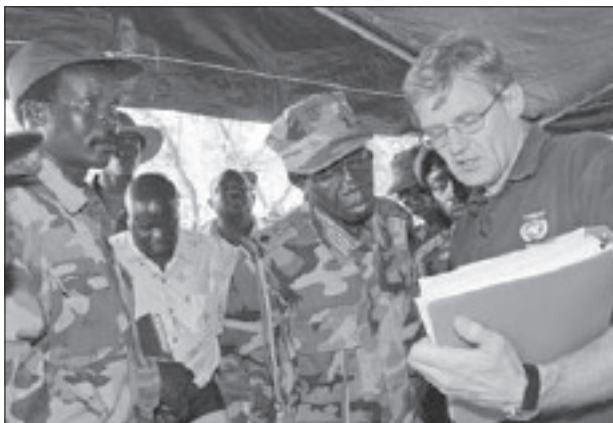
Since 1987, Kony has been leading his army like a cult leader, telling his child soldiers to paint crosses on their chests for protection from enemy fire. Former abductees have described him as a mystic, possessed by spirits and capable of foreseeing the future. Strangely, one of Kony's sons was named after a U.S. president: George Bush. It's unclear which Bush was the inspiration.

Despite the overwhelming evidence against Kony, opinions are split over how deeply AFRICOM should get involved in such cases.

On one side are some humanitarian organizations that see the U.S. military as a resource that could be used for ending the chaos and terror Kony has unleashed for two decades.

But others fear such engagements would damage AFRICOM's credibility as an organization geared toward helping African countries solve their own problems.

"They cannot be in this business. They basically have to be involved in the capacity building. Period," said James Carafano, a scholar with the Heritage Foundation.



STUART PRICE/AP

**Joseph Kony, left, the leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, and his deputy, Vincent Otti, center, discuss the release of enslaved women and children with United Nations humanitarian chief Jan Egeland on Nov. 12, 2006, at Ri-Kwamba in Southern Sudan.**

dation and former army lieutenant colonel who was an early advocate for the formation of AFRICOM. "The whole notion of AFRICOM is to not get involved in these things. It would be like SOUTHCOM getting involved in the Honduran coup. They're not going to touch that."

Yet AFRICOM, though only in its infancy, has already been called upon to provide support for operations against Kony and his LRA.

In late 2008, regional governments asked the U.S. to provide nonoperational assistance for a mission dubbed Lightning Thunder. The Ugandan military led the operation, which included elements from southern Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It was an unusual demonstration of cooperation between those countries in the hunt for Kony.

And it went badly wrong.

AFRICOM, which had no command and control authority over the mission, was tasked by the National Security Council to provide the Ugandans with logistical and advisory support. The command's involvement was limited to providing some maps, satellite phones, GPS receivers and about \$1 million in fuel for vehicles.

A team of advisers also was dispatched to the region and pro-

vided feedback on the Ugandan plan.

The operation, however, failed to capture Kony and many of his fighters fled their camps.

In their flight from the Ugandans, the LRA fighters killed hundreds of civilians — a signature LRA response when it is assaulted, according to humanitarian rights groups that track the LRA's movements.

Critics of the operation argue that the mission failed to adequately plan for securing the surrounding civilian population.

Despite its limited involvement, as news spread of the civilian slaughters, AFRICOM took heat.

"We were very critical of Operation Lightning Thunder," said Michael Poffenberger, executive director of Resolve Uganda, an advocacy group. "We had hoped any involvement of U.S. AFRICOM would have led to a more effective operation and led to the capture of top commanders."

Poffenberger said he sees an opportunity for AFRICOM to get more involved in the hunt.

"But I think it has to be done right and with internal partners and the backing of region," he said.

Julia Spiegel, Uganda-based expert on the LRA for the Enough Project — an organization that seeks to bring awareness to cases

of crimes against humanity and prevent genocide in Africa — says Kony's tactics of targeting civilians are well known. Any planning must take that into account.

"I think this is an opportunity to take stock of what happened and move forward in a more productive fashion," Spiegel said. "It makes sense for AFRICOM to engage in a greater way. A little would go a long way, from planning and resourcing to execution."

Feingold, a co-sponsor of the Senate bill, made similar comments on the Senate floor when the legislation was introduced earlier this year, saying the U.S. has a responsibility to help bring the rebel war to its end.

"I believe supporting viable and legitimate efforts to disarm and demobilize the LRA is exactly the kind of thing in which AFRICOM should be engaged," Feingold said.

At AFRICOM headquarters in Stuttgart, officials declined to comment on the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act, saying it would be inappropriate to weigh in on pending legislation.

Earlier this month, Feingold elaborated on what he hopes the legislation will accomplish and described its limitations. In an op-ed article published at Huffingtonpost.com, the senator said that the bill does not sanction any specific military operation.

"Instead, it seeks to push a comprehensive approach in which military activity would be one component within a larger framework," Feingold wrote. "Such an approach, though, should also include humanitarian components and support for credible diplomatic efforts to press for a viable political solution."

But critics worry that the bill would damage the military's youngest command if it becomes law.

"Sometimes I wonder if these people want to kill the command," Carafano said of the bill's supporters. "I'm horrified anytime we get into legislating operational activities. That gets very dangerous."

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An F-22 Raptor flies above Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, during an air refueling mission Jan. 23. The F-22 has been plagued by maintenance problems and rising costs, a Pentagon study shows.

CHAD WARREN  
Courtesy of the U.S.  
Air Force



# DOD report: F-22 costs \$44,000 per hour to fly

## Maintenance-plagued fighter jet more expensive than warplanes it replaces, test results show

By R. JEFFREY SMITH  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States' premier fighter jet, the Lockheed Martin F-22, has recently required more than 30 hours of maintenance for every hour in the skies, pushing its hourly cost of flying to more than \$44,000, a far higher figure than for the warplane it replaces, confidential Pentagon test results show.

The aircraft's radar-absorbing metallic skin is the principal cause of its maintenance troubles, with unexpected shortcomings — such as vulnerability to rain and other abrasion — challenging Air Force and contractor technicians since the mid-1990s, according to Pentagon officials, internal documents and a former engineer.

While most aircraft fleets become easier and less costly to repair as they mature, key maintenance trends for the F-22 have been negative in recent years. On average from October last year to this May, just 55 percent of the deployed F-22 fleet has been available to fulfill missions guarding U.S. airspace, the Defense Department acknowledged this week. The F-22 has never been flown over Iraq or Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, The Associated Press reported Mon-

day that Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., wants to remove the \$1.75 billion recently inserted into the proposed 2010 defense budget for more of the jets.

The Arizona Republican's spokeswoman said he plans to file an amendment to cut the extra money for seven more F-22s. The Senate Armed Services Committee last month narrowly approved the additional funding requested by Georgia Republican Saxby Chambliss.

McCain and Michigan Democrat Carl Levin, the committee's chairman, voted against the additional finds. The full Senate may vote on the defense spending bill this week.

The extra money would extend production of the F-22 beyond the 187 aircraft that Defense Secretary Robert Gates says are needed. The White House has threatened to veto a defense bill that includes money for more of the radar-evading jets.

Sensitive information about troubles with the nation's premier air-defense fighter and McCain's announcement come in the midst of a fight between the Obama administration and the Democrat-controlled Congress over whether the program should be halted next year at 187 planes, far short of what the Air Force and the F-22's contractors around the country had anticipated.

# Vietnam vet admits he lied about rank, medals

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Vietnam veteran from Houston has admitted that he lied about his rank and numerous honors after questions arose when he told his story to a TV station on the Fourth of July.

Charles Bass told the same story he'd been recounting for years, pointing to scars while spinning a tale of surviving a deadly snakebite in Vietnam.

His claim that he was a sergeant major with several service medals unraveled when a local Vietnam veteran who saw the TV report couldn't find Bass' name on a Web site that lists honorees.

Five days after the report, Bass apologized. He said he bought ribbons and medals in military

surplus stores.

"It's a hell of a load off my shoulders," the 66-year-old Bass said.

"It's pressure off me. Things that needed to be said for a lotta, lotta years."

The Houston Chronicle reported that discharge papers say Bass was an Army private with no distinguished service medals. Army officials say it will take at least a week to verify Bass' service.

The TV report showed a display case full of his medals at the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum on Southmore Boulevard.

It also showed a placard that said Bass had earned the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Hearts for bravery and gallantry.

## NEX groundbreaking



STEVEN KHOR/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Capt. Eric Gardner, commanding officer of Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, accepts sake from a Shinto priest at the Navy Exchange expansion project's groundbreaking ceremony Monday. The \$8.8 million project will add about 14,000 square feet to the current structure and renovate the existing 17,000-plus square feet. The NEX will remain open during the project and is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2010.**

# Japan gives \$336M toward base realignment projects

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. and Japan took a major step Saturday in moving some 8,000 Marines and their families from Okinawa to Guam when officials exchanged notes allowing for the transfer of \$336 million from Japan for construction projects for this fiscal year.

"This is a significant step forward towards implementation of the realignment package," the U.S. State Department announced in a news release. The move of the major Marine commands on Okinawa is scheduled to be completed in 2014. Japan has promised to pay a total of \$6.09 billion for the estimated total cost of \$10.27 billion.

Japan will pay \$2.8 billion in cash and the rest in third-party

loans and investments, according to an agreement signed by the two countries in February. The \$6.09 billion does not include the cost of building a new air facility on Camp Schwab to replace Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

The \$336 million from Japan this fiscal year will go toward the following projects:

■ \$124.8 million for infrastructure projects in the Finegayan area.

■ \$27 million for on-base projects in the north area of Andersen Air Force Base.

■ \$169.1 million for on-base infrastructure in the Apra area.

■ \$15.1 million for the design of fire station and bachelor enlisted quarters in Finegayan and port operations and a medical clinic in Apra.

## Marine changes plea, says he was tricked

NAHA, Okinawa — Claiming he was tricked into pleading guilty to attempting to steal money from an Okinawa City drug store, a 30-year-old Marine changed his plea during a hearing in Naha District Court on Monday.

He is also claiming he was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder at the time of the incident.

Cpl. Anthony Francis Massimi told the judge that the prosecutor in the case promised to recommend bail and a suspended sentence if he admitted he tried to rob the store April 20 by pretending he had a gun in his pocket.

He was also charged with tres-

passing because the prosecutor alleged Massimi did not intend to buy anything in the store.

## Lung Association in favor of tobacco ban

The American Lung Association came out Friday in support of a June study that pressed for a ban on tobacco in the U.S. military.

The Department of Defense should quickly ban tobacco use among new officers and enlisted servicemembers, stop the sale of tobacco at exchanges and commissaries, and require military installations to be smoke-free, the association said in a released statement.

The changes could save "count-

less lives" and decisively end the "terrible scourge" among young servicemembers, the association said.

A committee with the nonprofit Institute of Medicine advised the DOD and Department of Veterans Affairs to eliminate tobacco use and outlined a 20-year strategy in a report released last month.

## Camp Foster Gate 2 to close for repairs

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The post exchange gate (Gate 2) to Camp Foster from Highway 330 will be closed Saturday through July 29 for repairs, Marine officials announced Monday.

From staff reports





# Welcome to Pineland

a Special Forces training ground where things are not as they seem

By KEVIN MAURER  
The Associated Press

With cigarette-stained fingers, he reaches into the right back pocket of his jeans and fishes out a worn black leather wallet. Inside are a North Carolina driver's license and some creased greenbacks.

The wallet in his other pocket is identical, but the ID card is recognized nowhere in the world. The work permit is for a job he doesn't hold. The wad of cash is bright yellow and utterly worthless.

His name? That depends. Such is life in Pineland, a country — well, a “country,” really — where you are depends on which wallet you choose.

Pineland is a contradiction that exists for the best of causes. It is a real place that does not exist, or, perhaps, a fake place that does. It is a military training ground etched onto the landscape itself — a community that helps real soldiers stay alive in real wars.

That is what Pineland means. This is what Pineland is:

■ a fictional country created five decades ago, made up of 16 counties in central North Carolina and populated by Americans who, eight times a year, spend a chunk of their lives participating in a sprawling role-playing exercise.

■ the setting for Robin Sage, the Special Forces final exam. Students from nearby Fort Bragg parachute and helicopter into Pineland at the end of almost a year of training, organize a guerrilla force and overthrow an oppressive regime on the eve of an American invasion.

■ an exercise that borrows from actual American missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Colombia.

Bob Snyder — or the guy in his other wallet, known as “Pineland Bob” — is one of many who populate this “place” in exchange for nothing more than the reimbursement of fuel expenses.

“Maybe,” he says, “something I will do will save somebody's life.”

## Multiple roles

Pineland Bob guides his truck



PHOTOS BY GERRY BROOME/AP

**Above: Bob Snyder, also known as Pineland Bob, right, maps out a transportation plan with a soldier during the Special Forces' Robin Sage exercise in Ramseur, N.C. Top: Pineland Bob, aka, Bob Snyder.**

down a dirt track, past a white farmhouse and down a small hill toward a thicket of trees.

A Special Forces student, dressed in green pants and a black fleece jacket, meets him. Both men pull their ball caps down against the cold as the student lays out a map of Ramseur on the hood of the truck. The team has to destroy an anti-aircraft missile — made by Bob out of PVC pipe, wood and gray spray paint — that threatens the coming U.S. “invasion.”

Pineland Bob is the first person the students see when they arrive. He starts by slipping the team his business card.

“Bob's Transportation Service: Troops moved, roadblocks avoided, packages handed off.”

He shows them the police station, the local diner, the storeroom at the Quick Check food mart where they can hide.

The manager of Sherry's Diner is the team's CIA contact, providing the team with information, money and eventually a mission. Bob also shows the team the hospital, where they meet Meiki Rose, a doctor who can treat guerrillas.

It is a place where the students learn how to work with people from different cultures in a volatile situation.

“If we do run into a checkpoint, do you have a plan for that?” the

If Pineland is a world unto itself, Brodey is its creator. He has written thousands of pages and built an entire society in miniature, and he's still doing it today.

The world he conceived is now part of the actual, physical landscape — Ramseur, that is.

From the outside, Ramseur resembles a small town going about its business. But it's like one of those old, black-and-white episodes of “The Twilight Zone”: Behind the scenes, everyone is playing a role.

Like any country torn asunder by war, Pineland has bad guys, too. Here, Jose Cuervo, the local strongman, has a reputation for torturing Pineland guerrillas.

Cast against type, Cuervo is played by Dale Needham, a soft-spoken volunteer firefighter. On the night of the team's final mission — the night the Special Forces students get to rub Cuervo out — Needham is late. He is putting out a house fire. A real one.

His men mill around his farm near Ramseur holding real AK-47 rifles that fire blanks, waiting. When Needham gets back, he puts on Cuervo's uniform and climbs into a van with the others, ready for confrontation.

## Creating a country

The entire alternate universe of Pineland sprang from one man's vision.

A generation ago, a Green Beret named Ed Brodey created Pineland using a set of 1964 encyclopedias as his guide.

## Downing the bad guy

The crack of gunfire echoes through the house. The assault team storms into the rooms on the first floor. “Where is Cuervo? You see him?”

They find the staircase. Cuervo is ready. One head peeks up.

Boom! Fire from the blanks illuminates the attic as Cuervo fires a burst from his rifle.

“Get some guys up here! There is somebody up there! We've got people up there!”

The soldiers crash up the stairs, guns spitting fire from their muzzles. Cuervo and his bodyguard hold out for a few seconds before falling face down to the floor. A Special Forces student and two guerrillas quickly search Cuervo and his bodyguard. The guerrilla shoots Cuervo again with a pistol before leaving.

The dead man opens one eye to make sure all's clear. He gets up on his elbows.

Suddenly, Jose Cuervo is Dale Needham again.

## A quick learning curve

Cuervo's failures serve a higher purpose — a full-speed practice before the teams go overseas and face real bad guys. But more than the shooting and fighting, just getting the Pinelanders organized, trained and prepared enough to take on the mission means that the team is learning what the Special Forces do.

Special Forces were created not to destroy things but to sneak behind enemy lines and turn regular joes — the Bob Snyders of many other lands and cultures — into a functioning army.

That's no small feat when you factor in new languages and unfamiliar customs. But it happens every day in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world. That learning curve starts the first day when Pineland Bob picks them up and introduces them to Pineland.

Capt. T.I. Willis, a member of the Special Forces, went through Robin Sage twice — once as a sergeant, again after accepting a commission. Even on his second stint, he found himself swept up by Pineland and the folks who make it come alive.

“The scenarios become very real. Decades and decades of real-world experience,” he says. “Many folks come back and say, ‘You know when we had that scenario? That exact thing happened to me in Afghanistan.’”



**Bob Snyder holds the business card he uses during his involvement with the Special Forces' Robin Sage exercise in Ramseur, N.C.**



# Rebuilding Iraq's economy, brick by brick



## Provincial reconstruction team considers ways to train workers in Karbala after factory manager lists problems and solutions for area job market

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

KARBALA, Iraq — Improved security means the U.S. may bring in experts from other Middle Eastern countries to train Iraqi workers whose skills have languished due to years of sanctions and violence.

Eric Shutler, a former Navy pilot and U.S. Agency for International Development representative on the Karbala provincial reconstruction team, said there's a desperate need to train Iraqi workers since many lack skills needed to run a modern economy.

He was echoing a plea from Iraqi manager Diaa Aftan Al-Mafraji, whose family has owned the Al Elaf factory in Karbala since 1989.

Shutler visited the plant on Thursday with another PRT member and an escort of soldiers from Battery B, 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade.

The Al Elaf factory employs 125 people making thousands of "Thermastones" — blocks of sand and lime widely used in Iraqi construction.

PRT members listened to Al-Mafraji's concerns on the factory floor while soldiers stood watch in a hangerlike building filled with lime dust that burned their nostrils.

Poorly trained workers were the first problem brought up by Al-Mafraji.

"These people are not qualified," he said in halting English, gesturing to a group of blue overall-clad workers shoveling lime powder nearby.

"I bought them safety shoes but they refuse to wear them," Al-Mafraji complained. "I bought milk, which they should drink to protect their lungs from the dust, but they took it home to sell," he said.

Labor problems have increased raw material costs since the brickworks must buy its lime from the government-owned factory next door. Employ-

and the employees play a big role in that," he said.

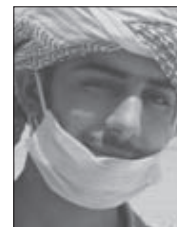
In a country with sky-high unemployment, Walad Kais, 16, was lucky to get a job at the factory last month with the help of relatives. On Thursday he smiled broadly as he climbed a series of ladders to monitor a conveyor transporting lime powder into a silo.

"None of my friends has a job," he said, through an interpreter.

"We need to train these people and make them qualified to hold some of these positions," Al-Mafraji said, adding that the problem extends from the top floor up to management.

"I'll be the first to admit that I need training as a manager," he added.

Shutler said the PRT can look at bringing people to Iraq from nearby countries, such as Dubai, to provide safety and technical training to workers in Karbala.



Walad Kais

The advantage of bringing in experts from other parts of the Middle East, rather than the United States, included cost, safety and the ability of people from nearby countries to speak the local language, he said.

The PRT is helping set up a small business development center in town that could offer those sorts of courses, not just to the brick factory workers, but to workers from three other

factories in the same industrial park, he said.

Al-Mafraji recited a litany of other problems including red tape that Iraq's new government has rolled over from Saddam's era.

The factory has not received any government fuel this year due to paperwork problems and it is buying it on the black market to stay in business, he said.

The bureaucracy means Iraqi products can't compete with imported goods, made in countries with cheaper labor, he said.

The difficulty getting credit from Iraqi banks is another impediment. Banks charge 17 percent interest on business loans although that is supposed to fall to 14 percent, he said.

Despite the challenges, the Al Elaf factory produces 100,000 tons of "Thermastone" each day — the same amount it made in a year during Saddam's time.

Iraqis come to the factory from as far away as Mosul and Najaf to buy the bricks, which they transport themselves to save costs, Al-Mafraji said.

The factory manager outlined numerous plans for stimulating commerce in Karbala, including building an oil refinery and power plant to take advantage of a planned oil pipeline through the area, generating electricity

using the city's garbage, and recycling sewage to grow plants in a green belt around Karbala.

"These projects would stabilize our province by providing some of these teenagers a chance for employment," he said.

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**Al Elaf factory manager Diaa Aftan Al-Mafraji shows provincial reconstruction team members machinery near Karbala, Iraq, on Thursday. The brick factory is seen at left.**

ees there are released prisoners and people compensated for the loss of a family member battle against terrorists, he said.

"The factory produces lime at \$110 to \$120 per ton. The international price is \$60. The factory doesn't produce enough product to drop the price

## Security: Iraqis say they will protect Shiite pilgrims

### SECURITY, FROM PAGE 1

Violence is sharply down in the war that began with the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, but militants still carry out lethal attacks. The U.S. military completed a withdrawal of combat forces from Iraqi cities to outlying bases last month as part of a plan to let Iraq take the lead on ensuring its own security.

Iraqi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi told reporters that Iraq will not need help from multinational forces in securing an event next week at a holy Shiite shrine in northern Baghdad. Hundreds of thousands of Shiites are expected on Saturday in Kazimiyah, a predominantly Shiite suburb, to commemorate the death of a revered Shiite imam.

Al-Moussawi said the plan to secure the event is "100 percent an Iraqi one."

He lamented the church bombings, but blamed security at one church, saying that a man pretending that his car had broken down asked people at the church if he could park his vehicle near the church.

"A few minutes after his departure, it went off," al-Moussawi said.

Also on Sunday, a bomb exploded near a convoy of American personnel that included U.S. Ambassador Christopher Hill, though no one was injured.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Susan Ziaadeh said Monday that an investigation was under way into the bombing, which occurred as the convoy was traveling through Dhi Qar province in southern Iraq.

# Obama orders probe of Afghan mass graves

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has ordered his national security team to investigate reports that U.S. allies were responsible for the deaths of as many as 2,000 Taliban prisoners of war during the opening days of the war in Afghanistan.

Obama told CNN in an interview that aired Sunday that he doesn't know what how the U.S.-allied Northern Alliance behaved in November 2001, but he wants a full accounting before deciding how to move forward.

"I think that, you know, there are responsibilities that all nations have even in war," Obama said during an interview at

the end of a six-day trip to Russia, Italy and Ghana.

"And if it appears that our conduct in some way supported violations of the laws of war, then I think that, you know, we have to know about that."

The president's comments seem to reverse officials' statements from Friday, when they said they had no grounds to investigate the 2001 deaths of Taliban prisoners of war who human rights groups allege were killed by U.S.-backed forces.

Reacting to the interview, Physicians for Human Rights hailed Obama's decision.

But Obama's direction does not guarantee action.

"We'll probably make a decision in terms

of how to approach it once we have all the facts gathered up," Obama said.

The mass deaths were brought up anew Friday in a report by The New York Times. It quoted government and human rights officials accusing the Bush administration of failing to investigate the executions of hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of prisoners.

U.S. officials said Friday they did not have legal grounds to investigate the deaths because only foreigners were involved and the alleged killings occurred in a foreign country.

The Times pointed to U.S. military and CIA ties to Afghan Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, accused by human rights groups of

ordering the killings. The newspaper said the Defense Department and FBI never fully investigated the incident.

The allegations date back to November 2001, when as many as 2,000 Taliban prisoners died in transit after surrendering during one of the regime's last stands, according to a State Department report from 2002.

Witnesses have claimed that forces with the U.S.-allied Northern Alliance placed the prisoners in sealed cargo containers over the two-day voyage to Sheberghan Prison, suffocating them and then burying them en masse, using bulldozers to move the bodies, according to the State Department report.

## British role in Afghanistan questioned as deaths mount

By GREGORY KATZ  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's defense secretary told Parliament on Monday that the fierce combat needed to uproot Taliban insurgents is responsible for the record loss of 15 British soldiers in Afghanistan this month.

The overall British death toll in Afghanistan has reached 184, surpassing the country's troop losses in Iraq and increasing pressure on Prime Minister Gordon Brown's already shaky government.

Defense Secretary Bob Ainsworth was trying to quell a political fire caused by the loss of eight soldiers in 24 hours — three of them just 18 years old. British papers were filled Monday with pictures of the dead soldiers and tributes from their comrades.

"We cannot remove risk from



CHRIS ISON-PA/AP

**Soldiers of the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment parade in Guildhall Square in Portsmouth, England, on Monday, following tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown is facing increasing criticism over Britain's role in Afghanistan, as the overall death toll rose to 184.**

this type of operation," Ainsworth said. "These are offensive operations, clearing the Taliban out of their heartland areas. These operations cannot be conducted from helicopters or from heavily armored vehicles. Our people have to get out and I think they

accept that and the British public accepts that."

Ainsworth said the government was doing everything it could to properly equip the troops and would have more helicopters in place later this year, with more on order for 2010.

## U.S. Marine death toll corrected to two dead

The Associated Press

KABUL — A bomb blast killed two U.S. Marines in Afghanistan's dangerous south, where thousands of American troops have deployed in a massive operation to oust Taliban fighters from the country's opium poppy region, officials said.

The two Marines were killed Saturday in Helmand. Military officials did not release any other details nor give a specific location. The military initially reported four Marines had died but later corrected the figure, saying the deaths were mistakenly double-counted.

Separately, a third U.S. servicemember was killed Sunday in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan, the U.S. military said. The incident, which occurred in the town of Bargh-e-Matal in Nuristan province also wounded some other troops, said Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker. She did not have an exact number of

wounded.

Some 4,000 Marines moved into Helmand province this month, the largest Marine operation in Afghanistan since the 2001 invasion. They have met little head-on resistance but remain vulnerable to guerrilla tactics like suicide and roadside bombs.

"These terrorist attacks are hard to prevent, can be carried out by a few individuals, and do not require a military force capable of confronting the Marines," said Arturo Munoz, an expert on the tribal environment in Helmand province with the Washington-based RAND Corp.

"I would expect the Taliban to avoid pitched battles with the Marines in order to avoid a large number of casualties," he said. "This does not mean they will avoid violence."

Another American died Friday in the U.S. of wounds suffered in Afghanistan in June, said Lt. Cmdr. Christine Sidenstricker.

### British forces face allegations of abuse

LONDON — A lawyer claimed Monday that British soldiers forced an Iraqi detainee to dance like Michael Jackson as part of widespread abuse and humiliation of civilians in southern Iraq — actions that resulted in the death in custody of a hotel receptionist.

Lawyers have opened a public inquiry into the death of Baha Mousa, a 26-year old Iraqi who was beaten and killed in the custody of British troops following a raid on his hotel in

Basra in September 2003.

The inquiry, which is expected to last about a year, is being held to address concerns over the mistreatment of civilians following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, and worries that Britain's military used interrogation tactics banned since the '70s.

Gerard Elias, the inquiry's top lawyer, said questions would be posed about the treatment of Mousa and other detainees.

After soldiers swept Mousa's hotel for weapons in 2003, he was taken to a British base where he sustained 93 injuries.

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A man looks at a collage of pictures on Monday of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il at a unification observation post near the North Korea-South Korea border village of Panmunjom. A report says Kim has life-threatening pancreatic cancer.

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# Report: N. Korea's Kim has cancer

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea's authoritarian leader Kim Jong Il is suffering from pancreatic cancer and is not expected to live more than five years, a news report said Monday, the latest speculation to emerge about his health after he reportedly suffered a stroke last year.

Analysts, however, were skeptical, saying Kim's increasing appearances in public this year suggest that he is unlikely to be suffering from cancer.

South Korea's YTN television reported that the 67-year-old strongman was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer around the time he collapsed due to a stroke — in August last year.

YTN quoted unidentified intelligence officials in South Korea and China as saying the disease is "threatening" Kim's life. Details were few, however, and the report offered no information on why the sources think Kim has cancer.

The report said that pancreatic cancer is usually only discovered in its final stage, and considering Kim's age, he would not live more

than five years.

The American Cancer Society lists rather less optimistic data; it says about 20 percent of people live at least one year after they discover they have pancreatic cancer but that fewer than 5 percent survive as long as five years.

South Korean government officials said they could not confirm the report or had no information on it. North Korea's closed nature and its state-controlled media make it all but impossible to verify reports about Kim's health.

Kim's physical condition has been the focus of intense media speculation due to concerns about a possible political power struggle in the North if he were to die without naming a successor.

Kim assumed power after his father died in 1994 of heart failure at age 82. It has been widely reported that his third and youngest son, Kim Jong Un, is being groomed as the heir.

Monday's report was the latest media speculation on Kim's health after he made a rare televised appearance last week.

Footage showed Kim looking markedly thinner and with less hair.

## Cranes fall after New Delhi fatalities

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Three cranes crashed Monday while trying to lift a steel girder that fell at a New Delhi metro rail construction site, a new setback for the landmark project a day after another accident killed six people there.

Six people sustained minor injuries in Monday's accident, Delhi Metro spokesman Anuj Dayal said.

Four truck-mounted cranes lifted the massive orange girder

off the ground when one sustained a mechanical failure in its boom — the long arm used to lift weight, Dayal said.

The sudden shift of extra load caused the booms of two cranes to snap while the third crane toppled over, Dayal said. "It was a very tricky, very difficult and dangerous operation because the space was limited," he told reporters.

Live television coverage showed two of the booms shearing off the multiwheeled trucks.

# Japan's ruling party could lose power

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — The political party that has governed Japan for the past 50 years could be ousted from power in national elections next month — with the opposition boosted by worries over the economy and gaffes by the ruling party.

Prime Minister Taro Aso's Liberal Democratic Party was dealt a crushing defeat over the weekend, losing its majority in a Tokyo municipal election while the opposition made substantive gains.

His announcement Monday that he was dissolving parliament and scheduling elections for Aug. 30 increased the likelihood that the main opposition could take over the powerful lower house of Parlia-

ment. The upper house is already controlled by the opposition bloc.

The Liberal Democrats, which have governed Japan for the past 50 years, except a brief period in 1993, have been struggling to maintain their grip on power.

Over the past few years, the party has seen a revolving door of prime ministers, with Aso's two predecessors lasting less than a year. Aso, too, has failed to revitalize the party, which many say has been in power too long to effectively energize voters seeking change in the face of the financial downturn.

"It's time to seek the public's mandate. The issue here is which party can really protect the people's lives and the country," Aso said.

## Japan lifts ban on child organ donations

TOKYO — Japan lifted a ban Monday on organ donations from children, reversing a restriction that created such a dearth of organs in the country that young patients were forced

to seek transplants abroad.

The law will allow children, defined as those younger than 15, who are brain dead to donate their organs — a sea change in this country, where organ donating is sensitive because of Buddhist beliefs consider the body sacred and reject its

desecration.

Until 1997, Japan barred organ donations from even adults who were brain dead. A law enacted that year lifted the ban but continued to prohibit children from donating, citing their inability to make such a mature decision.

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## IN THE STATES



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Supreme Court nominee Judge Sonia Sotomayor prepares to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill on Monday.

# Sotomayor nomination hearings begin

## ‘Experiences help me listen’ but law dictates, high court pick says

By DAVID ESPO  
AND MARK SHERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Her confirmation all but assured, Sonia Sotomayor pledged Monday to serve the “larger interest of impartial justice” rather than any narrow cause if she becomes the first Hispanic on the Supreme Court.

“My personal and professional experiences help me listen and understand, with the law always commanding the result in every case,” Sotomayor told senators at a nationally televised confirmation hearing.

The remarks about judicial philosophy were her first since President Barack Obama nominated the South Bronx-born and Ivy League-educated veteran of 17 years on the federal bench. They appeared aimed at Republicans who have questioned her commitment to impartiality in light of a 2001 remark that experience as a “wise Latina” might give her an advantage over white males.

The 55-year-old appeals court judge spoke after several hours of speechmaking in which Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee praised her as a Hispanic pioneer well qualified for the high court and Republicans questioned her impartiality as well as Obama’s views in nominating her.

Despite GOP misgivings, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told Sotomayor, “Unless you have a complete meltdown, you’re

going to get confirmed.”

“And I don’t think you will” have a meltdown, he added quickly as Sotomayor sat listening, her face in a half-smile.

In her remarks, Sotomayor said, “The progression of my life has been uniquely American,” that of a child of Puerto Rican parents who moved to New York during World War II.

“I want to make one special note of thanks to my mom,” she said. “I am here today because of her aspirations and sacrifices for my brother Juan and me.”

“Mom, I love that we are sharing this together,” said Sotomayor, whose father died when she was 9. She turned as she spoke, whispering a thank-you to her mother, seated one row behind her in the packed hearing room.

Sotomayor is scheduled to return Tuesday to begin questioning from committee members.

The role of racial politics in the day’s proceedings became clear within minutes after Sen. Patrick Leahy, the committee chairman, rapped the opening gavel.

“She’s been a judge for all Americans. She’ll be a justice for all Americans,” said the Vermont Democrat, who likened Sotomayor to other judicial pioneers, citing Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice, as well as Louis Brandeis, the first Jew, and Sandra Day O’Connor, the first woman.

Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the senior Republican, vowed a “respectful tone”



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., left, talks with committee member Ben Cardin, D-Md., at the hearing on Monday.

when lawmakers begin questioning Sotomayor on Tuesday. Moments later, he took aim at Sotomayor’s 2001 statement that her standing as a “wise Latina woman” would sometimes allow her to reach a better decision than a white male.

“I will not vote for, and no senator should vote for, an individual nominated by any president who believes it is acceptable for a judge to allow their own personal background, gender, prejudices or sympathies

### Protesters disrupt events

WASHINGTON — Anti-abortion protesters twice disrupted the opening of Sonia Sotomayor’s Supreme Court nomination hearing on Monday.

The first outburst came during Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s opening statement. A man in the back of the room interrupted her remarks by shouting: “Senator. What about the unborn!” He called abortion “genocide.”

Security quickly took him out.

The episode prompted a warning by committee chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy that no displays for or against the nominee would be tolerated from observers. But it happened again in early afternoon, when another man at the rear shouted “Abortion is murder. Defend life,” interrupting a statement by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

From The Associated Press

to sway their decision,” he said.

“Call it empathy, call it prejudice or call it sympathy, but whatever it is, it’s not law,” Sessions said. “In truth, it’s more akin to politics, and politics has no place in the courtroom” — a reference to Obama’s declaration, made before he named Sotomayor, that he wanted a person of empathy on the court.

If confirmed, Sotomayor is not expected to alter the court’s balance on issues such as abortion and affirmative action.



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Students share studies, make friends across the world

*"[Students] saw that no matter what country the kids were posting from, they seemed just like them. That was their biggest revelation."*

**Tiffany Diemer**  
Magnolia Middle School teacher

BY MARIA GLOD  
The Washington Post

A WASHINGTON team of very smart teenagers has set out to discover ways that maggots might make the world a better place. Two are from suburban Washington. Two live more than 9,000 miles away in Singapore.

To many U.S. politicians, educators and business leaders, Singapore's students have become a symbol of the fierce competition the nation faces from high achievers in Asia. But these four students call themselves "international collaborators" and friends.

Even as globalization has fed worries about whether U.S. students can keep up with the rest of the world, it also has spawned classroom connections across oceans. Teachers, driven by a desire to help students navigate a world made smaller by e-mail, wikis and teleconferences, say lessons once pulled mainly from textbooks can come to life through real-world interactions.

"When we talk on Facebook," Joanne Guidry, 17, one of the researchers at the Academy of Science in suburban Loudoun County, Va., said of her Singaporean peers, "you can't tell they are halfway around the world."

Ballou High School students in Washington made a dance video to go-go music and an Israeli school sent back a folk dance video. A New York class talked to French students about Barack Obama's visit to France. Students in suburban Montgomery County, Md., and Romania last fall shared ideas on whether

cyberbullies should be punished.

Harford County students — including many who had never visited nearby Baltimore — debated the merits of chocolate milk with peers in Uzbekistan and Morocco. (Chocolate milk, the students report, is popular in all three countries.)

Teachers see such exchanges not only as an exciting way to teach geography, history, language and science but also as a vehicle to forge connections that push children beyond cultural stereotypes. At Washington's Magnolia Middle School, Tiffany Diemer said her students "saw that no matter what country the kids were posting from, they seemed just like them. That was their biggest revelation. That was their 'Wow.'"

There is no way to count exactly how many U.S. schools have connected with foreign schools. But teachers are signing on in re-

cord numbers to online forums designed to link students across the world through secure digital spaces.

The International Education and Resource Network, with an office in New York, started in 1988 with two dozen schools to build ties between the Soviet Union and the United States. Now it connects students in 125 countries through projects about social issues, identity and the impact of natural disasters.

More than 600,000 educators in 200 countries have joined ePals, a company based in suburban Herndon, Va., that matches teachers with similar interests and provides translations.

This spring, third-graders at Maryvale Elementary in suburban Rockville, Md., used ePals to talk to a class in Guatemala — chats that sparked lessons on geography, climates and writing.



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**Above: Sowmya Banda, 17, left, and Claudia Gutierrez, 16, work through an experiment at the Academy of Science at Dominion High School in Sterling, Va. Students have worked online with peers in Singapore to study the antimicrobial properties of maggot flatulence. Below left: Rachael Diniega, 17, gets a close look at her work at the Academy of Science. In August, some of the students will visit their peers in Singapore.**



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# Past practices hang over White House

BY CARRIE JOHNSON  
AND JOBY WARRICK  
*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — After trying for months to shake off the legacy of their predecessors and focus on their own priorities, Obama administration officials have begun to concede that they cannot leave the fight against terrorism unexhumed and are reluctantly moving to examine some of the most controversial and clandestine episodes.

The acknowledgment came amid fresh disclosures about CIA activity that had been hidden from Congress for eight years, the secrecy surrounding a little-understood electronic surveillance program that operated without court approval, and word that Attorney General Eric Holder favors naming a criminal prosecutor to examine whether U.S. interrogators tortured terrorism suspects.

The way ahead for an administration grappling with severe

## Obama, Holder may find hands forced in CIA probes

economic trouble and health-care reform is all but certain to prove controversial for leaders who have floundered in their approach to national security policy.

But civil liberties groups and House Democrats cheered the news as a culmination of months-long efforts to press President Barack Obama to pursue the issue of detainee mistreatment and other legal violations.

"It is time to finally confront the gross human rights abuses of the last administration," said Jameel Jaffer, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Security Project. "Initiating a criminal investigation is a crucial step towards restoring the moral authority of the United

States abroad and restoring the rule of law at home."

The announcement to appoint a prosecutor to look into whether



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CIA interrogators operated outside the boundaries set by George W. Bush's Justice Department could come in the next few weeks, said a senior Justice Department official familiar with Holder's thinking, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the process is continuing.

Federal law enforcement officials are obliged to investigate possible violations of anti-torture statutes and other criminal laws.



Obama

That makes it difficult for the Obama administration to ignore material gleaned from watchdog reports, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other sources, former government lawyers said.

"Where there are egregious violations, you can't just brush them under the rug," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "And so I think that the attorney general, to look for some egregious violations, which is what he is doing now, is the right thing to do."

By confining any criminal investigation to the narrow issue of CIA interrogators who operated outside legal boundaries, and by ruling out the possibility of criminal charges for lawyers

and policymakers, the Obama administration has given itself an argument for forestalling a probe likely to be far messier and more public than a traditional investigation.

On another front, key Democrats suggested the Bush White House might have violated laws by urging the CIA to keep secrets from congressional overseers.

"This is a big problem, because the law is very clear," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

CIA Director Leon Panetta informed Congress about the covert program last month. He said he had only recently learned of the nearly 8-year-old program, and he confirmed that past CIA directors kept it a secret at former Vice President Dick Cheney's request.

Feinstein has urged that an ongoing Senate intelligence inquiry should be finished before a decision is made on the need for further investigation.



President Barack Obama congratulates Dr. Regina Benjamin, center, after naming her his nominee for surgeon general as Secretary of Health and Human Services. Kathleen Sebelius applauds. The president made the announcement in the White House Rose Garden on Monday.

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## Obama nominates surgeon general

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama turned to the Deep South for the next surgeon general, choosing a rural Alabama family physician who made headlines with her determination to rebuild her nonprofit medical clinic after Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Regina Benjamin is known along Alabama's impoverished Gulf Coast as a country doctor who makes house calls and doesn't turn away patients who can't pay — even as she's had to find the money to rebuild a clinic repeatedly destroyed by hurricanes and once even fire.

"For all the tremendous obstacles that she has overcome, Regina Benjamin also represents what's best about health care in America, doctors and nurses who give and care and sacrifice for

the sake of their patients," Obama said.

Saying she "has seen in a very personal way what is broken about our health-care system," Obama said Benjamin will bring important insight as his administration tries to revamp that system.

Benjamin called the job "a physician's dream," and pledged to be a voice for patients in need — and to fight the preventable diseases that claim too many lives each year, including in her family.

Her father died with diabetes and high blood pressure, her brother of HIV and her mother of lung cancer "because as a young girl, she wanted to smoke just like her twin brother could" — an uncle now on oxygen as a result, she noted.

"I cannot change my family's past. I can be a voice in the movement to improve our nation's health care and our nation's

health," Benjamin said. "I want to be sure that no one falls through the cracks as we improve our health care system."

Benjamin, 51, has emerged as a national leader in the call to improve health disparities. She was the first black woman and the first doctor under 40 elected to the American Medical Association's board of trustees, and in 2002 became the first black woman to head a state medical society.

AMA President Dr. James Rohack, who has known Benjamin for more than two decades said that with "her recognition that if you don't have health insurance, you live sicker and you die younger, she can bring the real-world perspective as surgeon general of the things as a nation we need to do to keep ourselves healthy."

Benjamin's nomination for surgeon general requires Senate confirmation.

## Business ties probed in slaying of Florida couple

*The Associated Press*

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Investigators are looking at business ties among other leads for a motive in the slaying of a wealthy Florida couple known for adopting children with developmental disabilities, authorities said Monday.

Three men were jailed Sunday, two of them on murder charges, in the shooting deaths of Byrd and Melanie Billings at their sprawling home near Pensacola, Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan said.

"It began as what we thought was a home invasion. At this point because of the complexity and the ties this family had through the business community, we're moving many other directions. Could be money, could be a whole host of things," Morgan said on the NBC "Today" show.

Day laborer Wayne Coldiron, 41, turned himself in to Escambia County authorities and Leonard P. Gonzalez Jr., 35, was arrested in neighboring Santa Rosa County. Both were charged with murder and with home invasion, accord-

ing to their arrest warrants.

Authorities also jailed Gonzalez's father, Leonard P. Gonzalez Sr., on a charge of evidence tampering.

Police said the 56-year-old tried to paint over and hide damage on a red van that was spotted on surveillance video leaving the Billings home after the shootings Thursday.

Eight of the couple's children were asleep in the house when the shootings took place.

Ashley Markham, an adult daughter of the Billings, said the adopted children are together with friends and family at an undisclosed location. The elder Gonzalez told investigators that he was the getaway driver and waited in the van while the others broke into the Billings' house and burglarized it, according to warrants released late Sunday. He also told police several other men were involved.

The surveillance video shows three armed, masked suspects arrive in the van, enter the house and then return to the vehicle, the warrants said.

## Minority campers might return to private pool

PHILADELPHIA — A private suburban swim club accused of racism after it canceled the memberships of dozens of minority children said it will seek a meeting with the kids' camps to work out an agreement for them to return.

Amy Goldman, a member of The Valley Club, said those able to attend a meeting Sunday afternoon voted unanimously in support of reinstating the memberships of the Creative Steps day camp and two other camps as long as safety issues, times and terms can be agreed upon.

The Creative Steps camp had arranged for 65 mostly black and Hispanic children to swim each Monday afternoon at the gated Huntingdon Valley club.

From The Associated Press



## FACES

# Lovato love

Disney Channel star enjoys creative process on rock-infused album

**D**emi Lovato really wants to rock. As the 16-year-old star of Disney Channel's "Camp Rock" and "Sonny With a Chance" embarks on her first headlining arena tour and readies her second album, "Here We Go Again," due out July 21, Lovato is set to prove it.

"I know a lot about myself now," she says. "When I first started out singing, I made a demo of very, very pop songs, but I wasn't completely happy singing them because it's not who I am. Once you find yourself — or at least have an idea of who you are and your musical style and sense, because it's gonna keep changing — it gets easier."

It also gets easier when your album "Don't Forget" hits No. 2 and when you get introduced to young music fans as a pal of the Jonas Brothers. "They gave me a lot of help because I was so new to this," Lovato says. "But with this next album, it gets a little bit more personal, a little bit more in tune with my past, with things that I've been through."

One thing that hasn't changed, though, is help from Nick Jonas. "Something a lot of people didn't know is that Nick Jonas did a lot of the background vocals on the first album," says Lovato. "He'll do it on this one, too."

Another way Nick and his brothers have helped Lovato is with the strain of fame at a young age.

"I think the only pressure I have is the pressure people put on me, but I don't really feel it because I don't really care," she says. "I'm making music. I hear from a lot of people, 'Well, her album didn't sell that much.' I don't care. It sold more than I thought it would. What are you expecting of me? I'm just making music and having fun doing it. Everyone else can just deal."

That doesn't mean Lovato doesn't care what her fans think, though — especially rock fans.

"It's such an honor for a girl from Disney Channel to come out here and play for you guys," she told fans during her recent set at the touring Bamboozle Festival. "To tell you the truth, I was nervous about playing for you guys, but you have been nothing but amazing."

The whole Bamboozle experience was a little bit of rock heaven for Lovato.

"I got here at like 4 p.m. and didn't leave 'til it was over," she says, adding that she caught the sets of Metro Station, Boys Like Girls, Cobra Starship, All Time Low, We the Kings and headliner Fall Out Boy. "I grew up listening to all these bands. I saw Family Force Five, and, to me, it was like a dream come true."

— Glenn Gamboa/Newsday



AP photos  
Disney Channel star Demi Lovato's future looks bright.

## What you might not know about Demi Lovato

Here are 10 things you might not know about Demi Lovato. (Two or three that even 'tween girls might not know):

1. Her first name is Demetria. Demi is the shortened version.
2. Her older sister, Dallas, and younger half sister, Madison De La Garza, also are both actresses.
3. Her mother, Dianna Hart, was a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader and country singer who opened for top acts.
4. Her stepfather, Eddie De La Garza, quit his job as a Ford dealership manager to become her road manager and bodyguard.
5. Star magazine had a story in its July 7 issue telling of her recent reunion with her father, Patrick Lovato, after four years of separation. A song on her upcoming album called "For the Love of the Daughter," deals with the estrangement.
5. Told interviewers she likes metal music, especially black metal and metalcore.

6. Was a judge on a Disney Channel UK reality show, "My Camp Rock," for young musicians.

7. Attributes bullying from other girls to leaving school and maturing quickly. "I used to have a kind of, like, a social disorder type thing with being around people my age because I didn't really know how to function around them," she says in the interview. "I left school for boarding because I've been, like, scarred by like teenage girls, so that really made me grow up quick."

8. Her hit show "Sonny With a Chance" originally was to be called "Mollywood."

9. At 16, bought a house in Los Angeles.

10. Came up with the ideas for the video for her hit "Don't Forget." "They had treatments (for the video), but I was just like, 'No, scratch them,'" she says in the interview. "I want to come up with the idea. I want to show you the colors, I want to show you everything. This is art to me, and I don't want it to be somebody else's decision."

— The (Allentown, Pa.) Morning Call



Universal Pictures

Sacha Baron Cohen's sensitive "Bruno" character merely wants to be loved and accepted.

## Matt Lauer reduces Bruno to tears on TV

**D**ressed in his trademark sexy silver lame jumpsuit, famously flamboyant Austrian jet-setter and fashionista Bruno Thursday fell into the possibly loving — but certainly shocked — arms of "Today" journalist Matt Lauer.

Sadly, the geniuses at NBC faded to black before the embrace made it to viewers' televisions.

It all started when Matt asked Bruno's dominant alter ego, Sacha Baron Cohen, to react to news that Emil Brix, Austria's ambassador to Britain, finds Bruno so odious and such a blow to the reputation of his nation, which gave the world both the loving thinker Ludwig Wittgenstein and evil despot Adolf Hitler, that he wants a global boycott of the tender biopic "Bruno," which opened stateside Friday.

Reduced to tears, beloved, sensitive Bruno was, like, "This is the first I'm hearing of this."

He asked for a close-up, then a hug.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

## 'Bruno' opens big, bumps 'Ice Age'

**G**ay Austrian fashion devotee Bruno has landed the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office, though it's uncertain how much staying power he has.

Sacha Baron Cohen's "Bruno" started big on opening day Friday but had a huge drop the rest of the weekend, with the Universal Pictures mockumentary finishing with \$30.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The movie took in nearly half of its weekend total — \$14.4 million — on Friday, then tumbled with just \$8.8 million Saturday and an estimated \$7.2 million Sunday.

Revenues for hit movies typically go up on Saturday, so the nosedive for "Bruno" could be a sign that it lacks the shelf life that made Baron Cohen's "Borat" a \$100 million smash.

"Bruno," which features British comic actor Baron Cohen as a wannabe going to extremes to achieve celebrity, finished ahead of 20th Century Fox's "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs," which took second with \$28.5 million. The "Ice Age" sequel raised its domestic total to \$120.6 million.

Finishing third after two weekends in the No. 1 spot was Paramount's sci-fi blockbuster "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" with \$24.2 million, raising its domestic haul to \$339.2 million. The sequel passed the \$319 million total of 2007's "Transformers."

The weekend's other new wide release, the romantic comedy "I Love You, Beth Cooper," opened weakly with \$5 million, finishing at No. 7. The movie centers on a high school valedictorian who uses his graduation speech to declare his love for a bombshell classmate (Hayden Panettiere).

— The Associated Press



# Space fans can relive 1969 moon landing

By MELISSA TRUJILLO  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Families crowded around black-and-white television sets in 1969 to watch Neil Armstrong take man's first steps on the moon.

Now, they'll be able to watch the Apollo 11 mission recreated in real time on the Web, follow Twitter feeds of transmissions between Mission Control and the spacecraft, and even get an e-mail alert when the lunar module touches down. Those features are part of a new Web site from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum commemorating the moon mission and Kennedy's push to land Americans there first.

"Putting a man on the moon really did unite the globe," said Thomas Putnam, director of the JFK Library. "We hope to use the Internet to do the same thing."

The Web site — WeChooseTheMoon.org — goes live at 8:02 a.m. Thursday, 90 minutes before the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 launch from Cape Canaveral, Fla. It will track the capsule's route from the Earth to the Moon, ending with the moon landing and Armstrong's walk — in real time, but 40 years later.

Internet visitors can see animated recreations of key events from the four-day mission, including when Apollo 11 first orbits the moon and when the lunar module separates from the command module, as well as browse video clips and photos, and

hear the radio transmission between the astronauts and NASA flight controllers.

The site also connects the mission back to Kennedy, who first set the goal to have a man on the moon by the end of the decade during a May 25, 1961, speech before Congress.

The Web site's name was taken from another speech Kennedy gave in 1962, when he said: "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone and one which we intend to win."

Kennedy was assassinated six years before Armstrong set foot on the moon, but the Web site also features photos showing the president's deep interest in the space program, including ones of him watching Alan Shepard become the first American in space.

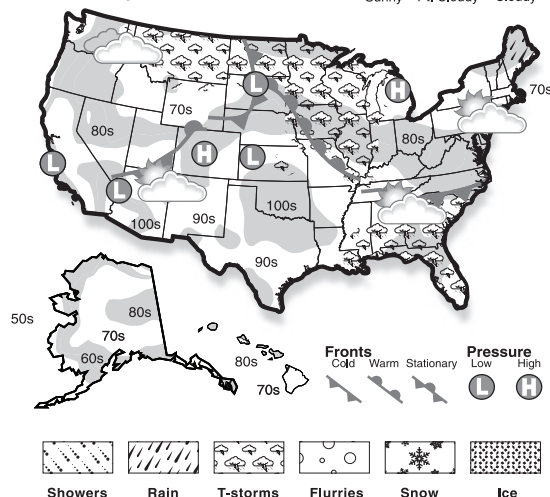
While the main goal is to offer people a chance to again experience the excitement of the moon mission, Putnam said he also hopes it inspires people to tackle the issues facing the country today, such as global warming or poverty.

"What is the next challenge? What is it that we want to achieve?" he said. "I think President Kennedy would want our leaders today to take on the biggest challenges and set those goals."

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 14



### Low Along Northern Border

A gathering low pressure system will track along the northern border, providing areas of rain from the Intermountain West through the Plains. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop along the Southeast Coast.

Weather Underground • AP

### Tuesday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz 59 23 pc
Amsterdam 69 58 rn	Lima 70 65 cdy
Athens 82 71 rn	Lisbon 84 64 clr
Auckland 51 46 rn	London 76 58 rn
Baghdad 114 87 clr	Madrid 98 60 clr
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Belgrade 76 56 clr	Moscow 80 55 pc
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Bermuda 83 77 pc	Nassau 91 80 rn
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Brasilia 79 62 pc	Nice 78 67 pc
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## WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

### Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

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Abilene, Tex. 101 76 cdy	Charleston, S.C. 90 75 rn	Eugene 62 56 .69 cdy	Juneau 74 49 cdy	Nashville 90 69 1.38 cdy	Roanoke 89 70 cdy	Springfield, Ill. 79 58 cdy
Akron, Ohio 81 54 clr	Charleston, W.Va. 84 64 cdy	Evansville 86 64 .32 cdy	Kansas City 81 71 1.32 cdy	New Orleans 92 80 cdy	Rochester 71 50 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 87 72 .04 rn
Albany, N.Y. 73 51 cdy	Charlotte, N.C. 92 72 rn	Fairbanks 82 56 cdy	Key West 91 81 .08 cdy	New York City 81 61 clr	Rockford 78 60 cdy	Syracuse 77 56 cdy
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Amarillo 97 69 clr	Chicago 82 64 cdy	Flint 77 45 clr	Lansing 78 48 clr	North Platte 91 64 1.22 cdy	St. Petersburg 87 79 .41 cdy	Toledo 81 51 cdy
Anchorage 67 54 cdy	Cincinnati 82 63 cdy	Fort Smith 102 78 clr	Las Vegas 109 86 clr	Oklahoma City 105 75 clr	St. Thomas 91 80 cdy	Topeka 82 72 .49 cdy
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Atlanta 90 70 2.22 rn	Colorado Springs 92 57 .19 cdy	Fresno 97 68 clr	Lincoln 84 67 cdy	Orlando 89 74 cdy	Salt Lake City 95 69 .07 cdy	Tulsa 102 77 clr
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## 'Finds' headline too definitive

I found a July 13 subject headline and story to be disquieting ("Report finds few officials knew extent of surveillance"). News stories, I believe, are supposed to report facts and leave opinions to the columns, editorials and letters.

Before the last presidential election I made the effort to convince a left-leaning nephew of mine that Stars and Stripes is politically fair and balanced, at least, if not exactly neutral. He had been of the opinion that Stripes would favor the existing administration.

Now I am not so sure. It seems pretty obvious to me that the involved inspectors general in the story have reached a conclusion they were expected to reach by the new administration and the Associated Press reporter did nothing to question it. To me, the term "finds" means a bit more than expressing an opinion that is both vague and pejorative. "Too few" (as the headline in my version of the story read)? So how many would be just right? Presumably enough so that at least one would leak the information to, say, The New York Times, which is famously known for releasing information that would endanger the country or its citizens (unless, of course, such citizens were Times reporters).

Thanks for running the piece on [former CIA Director] Gen. [Michael] Hayden's outrage in my next day's edition along with other "gotcha" stories. Now let's hear some of the horror stories about the innocent and loyal Americans who were harmed in some way by this intelligence gathering.

Frank Leitnaker  
Miesau, Germany

## Prioritize threats to military

Concerning your July 11 article "Extremists in the ranks?" that described how the Southern Poverty Law Center identified more than 100 active-duty troops listed on a white supremacist social networking Web site: I am not surprised so many military personnel would be so open about their hatred of those who were not white. What do they have to be worried about? Even though military regulations forbid affiliation with hate groups, our unit leadership, commanders and military investigative law enforcement agencies have seemingly failed to detect and/or take action against such racist personnel.

However, a poorly funded, nonprofit group and a military newspaper managed to do so without great difficulty.

Perhaps military law enforcement and leaders have been too busy on the threat

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gays, lesbians and bisexuals pose to our armed forces. I suggest regrouping and re-evaluating which threats are the more serious to all of our personnel and their dependents.

Master Sgt. Michael L. Martin (retired)  
Huntsville, Ala.

## A blueprint for immigration reform

By JEB BUSH, THOMAS F. MCLARTY III  
AND EDWARD ALDEN

Our immigration system has been broken for too long, and the costs of that failure are growing. Getting immigration policy right is fundamental to our national interests — our economic vitality, our diplomacy and our national security.

In the report of the bipartisan Council on Foreign Relations' Independent Task Force on U.S. Immigration Policy released last week, we lay out what is at stake. President Barack Obama has made it clear that reform is one of his top priorities, and that is an encouraging and welcome signal.

Immigration has long been America's secret weapon. The U.S. has attracted an inordinate share of talented and hardworking immigrants, who are enticed here by the world's best universities, the most innovative companies, a vibrant labor market and a welcoming culture. Many leaders in allied nations were educated in the U.S., a diplomatic asset no other country can match. And the contributions of immigrants — 40 percent of the science and engineering PhDs in the U.S. are foreign-born — have helped maintain the scientific and technological leadership that is the foundation of our national security.

But the U.S. has been making life much tougher for many immigrants. Processing delays and arbitrary quota backlogs keep out many would-be immigrants, or leave them in an uncertain status for years. Background and other security checks are taking far too long in many cases. ...

The persistent problem of illegal immigration has also soured many Americans on the benefits of an open system. The presence of nearly 12 million illegal immigrants has diminished respect for the law, weakened labor rights, strained our relations with other nations and unfairly burdened ... social services in many states.

In a post-9/11 world in which the U.S. must be able to thwart terrorist plots by extremists attempting to come here from abroad, illegal migration also creates an unacceptable security risk. Illegal immigration reflects both the inadequacies in our enforcement regime and the failure to provide enough legal channels to meet ... the demands of the U.S. labor market.

Congress and the Obama administration should move ahead on three fronts: reform the legal immigration system so that it responds more adroitly to labor market needs and enhances U.S. competitiveness; restore the integrity of immigration laws through more effective enforcement; and offer a fair and orderly way to allow many of those currently living here illegally to earn the right to remain legally.

There are two objections to pushing ahead with such measures now. First, with a deep recession and unemployment nearing 10 percent, encouraging more immigration seems to make little sense at the moment. That is why the U.S. needs a more flexible system that is responsive to changes in the economy. Family reunification remains a basic and valuable goal, but employment-based immigration and temporary-worker

programs should be allowed to fluctuate with economic cycles. ...

Second, some argue that this formula repeats the mistake of the 1986 reform law, which did nothing to stop illegal immigration. But the circumstances now are very different. In 1990, the U.S. had fewer than 3,000 Border Patrol agents. Today, there are almost 20,000. ... The Department of Homeland Security is also investing heavily in surveillance and other technologies to increase control over the borders.

Electronic verification ... will soon allow for quick and accurate verification that an employee is authorized to work here. Our task force recommends that employers who use these systems faithfully be rewarded, while companies that persist in hiring illegal immigrants face tougher sanctions. ... This will substantially reduce the ability of illegal immigrants to find work in the U.S.

In part because of such measures, illegal immigration to the U.S. has fallen to its lowest levels since the mid-1970s. When the economy recovers, those numbers are likely to rise. But Congress and the administration have an opportunity now to develop and put in place a strategy for the recovery by offering new legal paths for immigration and temporary work, along with tough enforcement of the law.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former White House Chief of Staff Thomas F. McLarty III are co-chairmen and Edward Alden is director of a Council on Foreign Relations-sponsored Independent Task Force on U.S. Immigration Policy. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Reduce 25%

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## OPINION

## How to help defuse the 'ticking time bomb'

Washington Post editorial

The rapidly rising cost of health care, President Barack Obama has said, is "a threat to our economy" and "a ticking time bomb for the federal budget." So a critical test of the health reform proposals lumbering through Congress is whether they defuse that bomb. The answer, so far, is no. That was the message, more tactfully delivered, of a letter budget director Peter Orszag sent to the chairs of three House committees that released a "discussion draft" of legislation last month.

Controlling cost is a different question from the also crucial matter of how to pay to cover millions of uninsured Americans. Most of those pay-fors — whether tax changes or spending cuts — would not change the upward trajectory of health costs. As Orszag put it, "Adopting a deficit-neutral health reform that expands coverage ... is not enough, because it would perpetuate a system in which best practices are far from universal and costs are too high."

What would it take to fix that system? No one knows for certain, and any savings would take time to materialize, which is why the Congressional Budget Office appropriately declines to "score" the changes as cost-saving; in fact, some would cost money at first. But it would be crazy to squander this opportunity to bring costs under control.

Two potential changes would require Congress to cede some control over Medicare, which may explain why they are not

part of the House measure. Draining the politics out of Medicare payment policies could help create a more rational system. And because of the program's size, the way it pays for health care has implications for the whole system.

Currently, doctors are paid for each office visit and every test, encouraging quantity of care over quality. Paying them, and hospitals, to manage the overall health of a patient might encourage more cooperation, lower costs and improve outcomes. Rather than have Medicare recipients bouncing among various specialists, it also makes sense to have a primary care physician, working with a team, responsible for overseeing treatment — and compensated in part based on whether that is accomplished in a cost-effective way. The House takes baby steps in these directions, but it should give Medicare the flexibility to try them on a broader scale.

As the Obama administration has suggested, it also would make sense to bolster the power of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Every year, MedPAC submits recommendations to Congress to cut costs and improve care, and most of these — the most politically sensitive, anyway — are ignored. Turning MedPAC into something like a base-closure commission, with recommendations subject to an up-or-down congressional vote, would be another step toward controlling costs.

Fortuitously, the most sensible way to pay for expanded coverage — taxing employer-provided health insurance — also



would help control costs. Taxing wages but not health insurance encourages more generous insurance benefits. Costs go up because there is more demand for services. It's mind-boggling that lawmakers continue to resist tapping this ready source of financing — and doing good at the same time.

Finally, changes in the current, irrational system of medical malpractice litigation might help lower costs. The evidence

that costs are driven up by doctors practicing defensive medicine to protect themselves from lawsuits is scant. But higher malpractice premiums are passed on to consumers. Steps to reduce the prevalence of medical errors and to lower the cost of adjudicating claims — perhaps by finding ways to screen out frivolous claims — could also help bend the current dangerous trajectory of health-care costs.

## Consumers don't need elitist financial protection

By PETER J. WALLISON

Are consumers "protected" when they are denied the opportunity to buy products and services that are available to others? Is that what consumers want? Does it matter what they want?

These are the questions raised by the Obama administration's proposal for a Consumer Financial Protection Agency (CFPA). Traditionally, consumer protection in the United States has focused on disclosure. It has always been assumed that with adequate disclosure all consumers — of whatever level of sophistication — could make rational decisions about the products and services they are offered. No more. If the administration's plan is adopted, many consumers will be told that they cannot have particular products or services because they are not sophisticated, educated or perhaps intelligent enough to understand what they have been offered.

Conservatives have always argued that liberals are elitists who do not respect ordinary Americans; this legislation seems to prove it. For example, the administration's plan would allow the ... elites to have access to whatever financial services they want but limit the range of products available to ordinary Americans.

This unprecedented result comes about because, under the proposal, every provider of a financial service is required to offer a "standard" product or service — to be defined and approved by the proposed agency — that will be simple and entail "lower risks" for consumers. These standard products are called "plain vanilla" in the white paper that the administration circulated in advance of the legislation.

Thus, the obvious question: Once the CFPA has prescribed what is a lower-risk and simpler mortgage loan or other product, who will be able to buy the more complex products that are tailored to a consumer's specific needs? Providers can offer such a product, but going beyond the

standard plain-vanilla product is likely to entail substantial risks. The provider that sells a more complex product to a consumer who is not ultimately deemed to be capable of understanding the product's risk or complexity could face an enforcement proceeding from the agency (fines, civil penalties and cease-and-desist orders are authorized in the draft legislation), an action by a state attorney general enforcing the agency's regulations (specifically permitted in the legislation), and a civil suit by a consumer or a class of consumers who claim they did not understand the risks associated with the nonplain-vanilla product or service.

Apparently, adequate disclosure will not be the answer to the provider's dilemma. As outlined in the white paper, no amount of disclosure can adequately protect consumers against complexity. "Even if disclosures are fully tested and all communications are properly balanced, product complexity itself can lead consumers to make costly errors."

How would a provider be expected to

determine whether a product that involves more risk or complexity than the plain-vanilla version is suitable for a consumer? The white paper offers this: "The CFPA should be authorized to use a variety of measures to help ensure [non-plain vanilla] mortgages were obtained only by consumers who understood the risks and could manage them. For example, the CFPA could impose a strong warning label on all [complex] products; require providers to have applicants fill out financial experience questionnaires; or require providers to obtain the applicant's written 'opt-in' to such products."

Of course, if the issue is whether the consumer understood the risks of the more complex product, strong warning labels or written "opt-ins" simply raise the same question and will not be a defense for the provider. And one can only imagine the humiliation of the consumer who must fill out a questionnaire to establish his capacity to purchase anything more than the plain-vanilla product.

So who will be able to get those more

complex products and services? Not ordinary Americans, whose lack of financial sophistication will make the risks of selling to them too great for most providers. The more complex products, the ones that are better tailored to the needs of the particular consumer, will be offered only to the more sophisticated and better educated — in other words, to the elites. In this way, and for the first time in our history, the government will force a major sector of the U.S. economy to deny products and services to a large proportion of the population — not because the products or services are inherently dangerous, like drugs or explosives, but because in the view of the Obama administration no amount of disclosure can make some Americans capable of understanding what they are buying.

Peter J. Wallison, who served as general counsel of the Treasury Department from 1981 to 1985 and White House counsel from 1986 to 1987, is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. He is scheduled to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on this topic Tuesday. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Less class time for Chavez, Marshall?

**TX** AUSTIN—Civil rights leaders Cesar Chavez and Thurgood Marshall receive too much attention in Texas social studies classes, say two members of a panel advising the state on curriculum standards.

Chavez, a Hispanic labor leader, and Marshall, who argued the landmark case that resulted in racial desegregation and was the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice, have schools, libraries, streets and parks named after them across Texas and the U.S.

But to have Chavez "listed next to Ben Franklin" as an important historical figure "is ludicrous," wrote evangelical minister Peter Marshall, one of six experts advising the state as it develops new curriculum standards for social studies classes and textbooks.

Another panelist, David Barton, founder of Wallbuilders, which promotes religion's role in the nation's founding, said Chavez "lacks the stature, impact and overall contributions of so many others."

Peter Marshall also questioned whether Thurgood Marshall should be presented to Texas students as an important figure, writing that he is "not a strong enough example."

## Golfer sentenced for assault with club

**WA** KENT—A golfer has been sentenced to 1 1/2 years in prison for bashing another player over the head with a 6-iron during a fight over slow play.

Nicholas Jay Shampine, 34, had been convicted of assault in King County Superior Court.

At sentencing, he said he was sorry, but also claimed he was defending his brother in the clash a year ago between two groups of golfers.

The victim, 45-year-old James Compton, says he still has memory loss and headaches.

## Motorcycle crash leaves man critically injured

**NH** HUDSON — Police say a New Hampshire man suffered life-threatening injuries when his motorcycle collided with a car on Route 102.

Hudson police say 55-year-old Richard Kelley of Pelham was riding his Harley Davidson when the driver of an oncoming car made a left turn in front of him.

Police say Kelley was not wearing a helmet. He was air-lifted to the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston with life-threatening injuries.

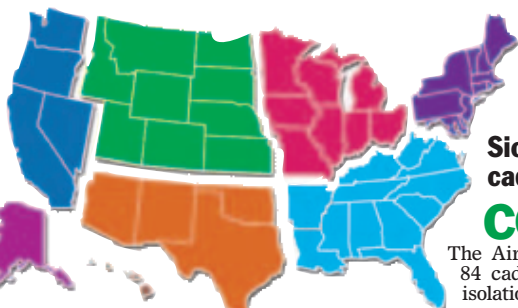
The car's driver, an 88-year-old Hudson man, was not injured.

Police are investigating the crash.

## College proposes furloughs to cut costs

**CA** OAKLAND — A plan to impose furloughs on tens of thousands of University of California employees to offset deep funding cuts was proposed by the president of the 10-campus system.

UC President Mark Yudof un-



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veiled the proposal as part of a broader plan to deal with an anticipated 20 percent funding reduction by the state as it struggles to close a \$26.3 billion budget deficit.

"There is no question that the cuts to come will hurt," Yudof said. "But we have worked hard to bring fairness to the process."

Employees would see pay reductions ranging from 4 percent to 10 percent, with higher paid workers receiving more time off.

## Lottery player on a roll, wins 9th prize

**WV** CHARLESTON — Brenda Bailey is still on a roll.

This week, the 60-year-old South Charleston woman claimed her ninth West Virginia Lottery prize, \$7,000 in the Gem 7s instant game. That brings her total winnings since last September to \$159,000 from five instant tickets.

Lottery officials say Bailey has claimed a total \$165,800 in prizes from instant and online games since 2000.

She's not the only lucky one in the family. Her husband, Richard,



## Mud bath

**Asia Rivera gets a face full of mud after sliding into a mud pit during the seventh annual Moonsoon Madness at Frontier Park in Queen Creek, Ariz., on Saturday.**

claimed a \$6,000 instant game prize in January and a \$10,000 prize last September.

## Sick Air Force cadets isolated

**CO** AIR FORCE ACADEMY —

The Air Force Academy says 84 cadets are being kept in isolation after showing symptoms of an undetermined respiratory illness.

Academy spokeswoman Capt. Corinna Jones told The Gazette in Colorado Springs that most of the cadets are "doolies," members of the incoming freshman class who began rigorous training on June 25. She said the cadets under isolation began developing symptoms like coughing within the past two days.

The academy has contacted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Air Force Surgeon General's office.

## Lyme disease cases increasing in Maine

**ME** AUGUSTA — Maine health officials report back-to-back increases in confirmed or probable cases of Lyme disease in 2007 and 2008.

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention said there were more than 900 cases of the tick-borne illness in humans last year, an increase of 72 percent. CDC also told Maine Public Broadcasting that in 2007, there was a 57 increase.

Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria that's transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected deer tick, also known as black-legged tick. Biting ticks are particularly prevalent this time of year as they search wooded areas for a host to bite.

## Border agents discover cash stash in fuel tank

**TX** EL PASO — A motorist crossing the border at El Paso forgot the maxim "Never let them see you sweat."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials say agents seized \$267,955 in cash from the fuel tank of the car the 27-year-old El Paso woman was driving.

That's after agents grew suspicious when she became nervous during what an agency statement called "a routine interview" at the Ysleta border crossing.

The search of the car began when an agency currency-detecting dog alerted agents to something in the fuel tank. A fiber-optic scope found the cash stash.

## Police fatally shoot suspect in Spokane

**WA** SPOKANE — Police fatally shot a man after he allegedly beat a woman with a skateboard and stabbed a pit bull during a rampage.

Police received 911 calls that a man tried to break into one home on Spokane's north side, then assaulted a woman after breaking into another residence, where he also stabbed a dog.

Officers spotted a man walking with a skateboard and a knife in his hands. They ordered him to stop, but he advanced on them brandishing the knife, and at least two officers opened fire, police said.



## The rhythm got him

**Music student Victor "Blue" Dogah of Ghana performs a native dance while Leonardo Teran of Ecuador, left, plays a maraca during Afro Caribbean Rhythms class at Berklee School of Music in Boston.**



## Live from a yellow submarine

**Bob Rowland, right, and other divers play fake guitars with a yellow submarine cutout at the 25th Underwater Music Festival at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Big Pine Key, Fla.**



## PETA mermaids

**Veterinary Medical Association conference in Seattle.**

**Susan Hoppler holds a sign as PETA members lie on the sidewalk during a demonstration outside the American**





## Welcome home

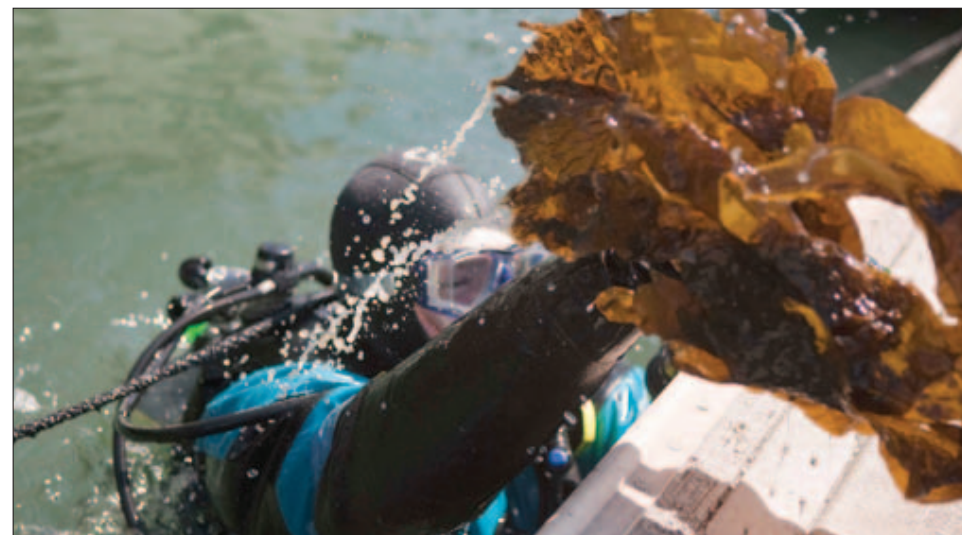
Crewmembers from the aircraft carrier USS John Stennis man the rails as the ship nears its Bremerton, Wash., homeport as Daniel Ng, left, and his brother Joshua, of Puyallup, Wash., wave flags. They were there to greet friend Lt. Scott Allen. The ship with more than 3,000 sailors on board is completing a six-month deployment.



## Be like Mike

South Shore Dance Alliance members dance to "Thriller" during a memorial for Michael Jackson at the Steel Yard Stadium in Gary, Ind. Thousands of Jackson fans flocked to the city where he spent the first 11 years of his life for the memorial celebration.

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## See? Weeds!

Steve Lonhart, of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, removes a strand of Undaria — an invasive, fast-growing kelp species — at Pier 40 in San Francisco.

## Cat tips off police in search for suspect

**TX** CORPUS CHRISTI — Corpus Christi police looking for a man wanted for an alleged parole violation got an assist help from a discerning feline.

Police records show officers were searching a mobile home for Roger Crossland, 34, but couldn't find him inside.

They stepped outside and peered under the trailer and saw a cat staring at the crossbeams. The cat's gaze led them to Crossland.

He's now in Nueces County Jail charged with violating a 10-year probationary term from a 2000 theft case.

## Poor leave California at higher rate than rich

**CA** SACRAMENTO — The poor are more likely to leave California than the rich, despite concerns that the state's relatively high income tax rate is driving away the wealthy, a new study shows.

The report released by the Public Policy Institute of California determined the poorest 20 percent of California residents are twice as likely to leave the state as the richest 20 percent.

Factors such as cheaper rent and home prices outside the Golden State seem to edge out income taxes when people of all incomes decide whether to stay or go, said institute researcher Jed Kolko, who authored the report.

"It does not look like rich people are leaving California in order to avoid income taxes," Kolko said.

Tax critics often claim the state's high cost of living and tax structure drive high-income earners out.

## Al-Qaida inmate gets OK to read Obama's books

**VA** MCLEAN — The Bureau of Prisons said it reversed course months ago to allow some of the country's most dangerous prisoners to read two books written by President Barack Obama.

Court papers filed show that prison officials twice rejected requests by inmate Ahmed Omar Abu Ali to read "Dreams from my Father" and "The Audacity of Hope."

The books contained material "potentially detrimental to national security," prison officials said in two separate rejections.

More than 20 specific pages in the books were cited as problematic.

## ROTC cadet dies during training at Fort Lewis

**WA** FORT LEWIS — An ROTC cadet has died in a night ground navigation exercise at Fort Lewis in Washington.

The Army said Daniel N. Miller, 19, was reported missing at night and searchers found his body the next morning.

Fort Lewis and U.S. Army Cadet Command are investigating, and haven't said how he died.

Miller was a student at New York's Houghton College and a member of the ROTC unit at St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

Fort Lewis said in a statement that Miller was at the Leader

Development and Assessment Course, which involves more than 5,000 cadets at the base south of Seattle.

Cadet Command provides the majority of the commissioned officers who enter the U.S. Army each year.

## Body of boater found in Long Island creek

**NY** WEST ISLIP — Police in New York say they have found the body of a Long Island man reported missing after his boat was discovered idling with no one aboard.

Suffolk County police said the body of Ralph Blachly, 49, was found at the mouth of Sampawams Creek in Babylon. Police believe the Dix Hills man was aboard his 30-foot motor boat when he called a friend from his cell phone shortly.

The 15-year-old boat was found around with its motor running and its lights on. It was about 50 yards from shore near the Babylon Yacht Club in West Islip.

Suffolk County police say its homicide unit is investigating the incident.

## American flight makes emergency landing

**TX** DALLAS — An American Eagle flight on its way from Dallas-Fort Worth to Dayton, Ohio, had to make an emergency landing at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

American Airlines Spokesman Charley Wilson says the flight landed safely. He says all 43 passengers aboard and three crewmembers were put on another flight to Dayton.

Wilson said pilots had turned the plane back after receiving indication of a hydraulic system issue.

He said they were able to get the landing gear down manually to land the plane.

American Airlines and American Eagle are subsidiaries of Fort Worth-based AMR Corp.

## Bus accident kills 1, hurts 9 in Adirondacks

**NY** LAKE GEORGE — A bus rolled onto its side and plowed into a rock ledge on a highway in the Adirondacks in northeastern New York, killing a woman pinned underneath and hurting nine others, authorities said.

Police were investigating what caused the wreck on the Adirondack Northway in the town of Lake George, about 60 miles north of Albany.

The bus tipped onto its side, slid and veered into the rock a quarter-mile south of the highway's Exit 21, Queensbury Fire Chief Joseph DuPrey told the Glens Falls Post-Star.

The impact tore down at least 50 yards of guidrails and left the highway strewn with food wrappers and other items, including fliers about services for prisoners' families, according to the Post-Star.

The newspaper reported officials said the bus was taking people to visit a northern New York prison.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

The day starts with the vim and vigor of a zesty Aries moon. To take advantage of the energy boost, plan to tackle your most difficult work before noon. Caution: Those with strong personalities will show up even stronger than usual. Later, a sensual Taurus moon mellows in the evening sky, promising that appetites will be sated and hopes fulfilled.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(JULY 15).** The balance you strike in your personal life allows you to step up your productivity. Relationships lift and support you. By mid-August, you've made an important sale or finished a key project. Your social stature gets a boost in October and you'll enjoy being the cool one people look up to. Family makes you proud in December. Cancer and Aries adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're open to connecting with someone who is very different from you personality-wise. You could be led down a path to emotional experiences you never perceived before.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Inside your head, there is no time. In your mind, it is always now. That's why we need schedules and calendars. Put your goals on the schedule. They need to be there in order to be taken seriously by your own brain.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's important to you that others feel safe, secure and welcome around you. That's why you make an extra effort to ensure that their travels to meet you will go smoothly. Connect at a convenient place and time.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Imagined dangers could suck your time. To keep them from overtaking your consciousness, talk with friends about what you're afraid of. You'll likely discover that there's nothing to worry about.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There's a lineup of activities you need to get to and you'll benefit from moving quickly from one to the next. If you don't like

the task and you're not good at it either, delegate.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When you are completely focused on getting what you want, you lose all self-awareness. You come across to others as confident, but really you're so in the moment, there's no mental space to even consider how you look.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** No matter what kind of dreams you had last night, or how hard it was to wake up, you always have the choice to improve your mood. Recall pleasant times to change your tone from grumpy to great.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** This should come as a relief: You don't have to act like you like someone who you don't like in order to get ahead in business. Be genuine instead. Actually, find something to like in the person. It won't be as hard as you think.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Usually it comes naturally to you to save the day. Be more cautious over the next three days. A grand gesture is not what's needed. If you get involved too deeply in other people's business, it will be difficult to get out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's something you said you would do that remains undone. You were in a different mood when you obligated yourself and you don't feel the same about the situation. And yet, it's important that you deliver on your promise.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your status in a relationship is in a state of flux. Every move you make changes the balance. To arrive at a stable place, consider not making a move for a while. Let the relationship find its natural equilibrium.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You know what you must do. Your heart dictates loudly these days. And yet you still haven't figured out how you can possibly fit its requests in your schedule. Relax. Something will soon open up.

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## Holiday Mathis



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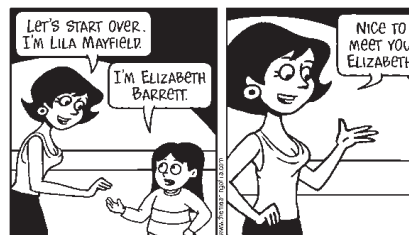
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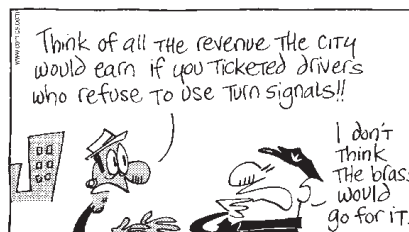
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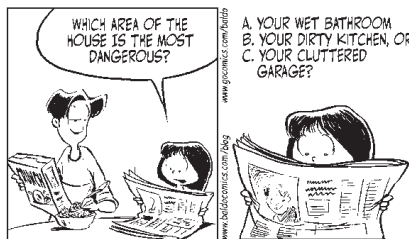
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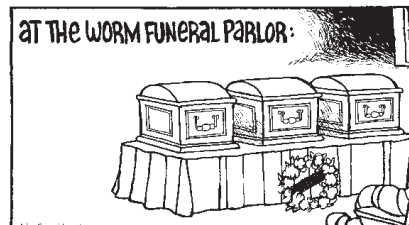
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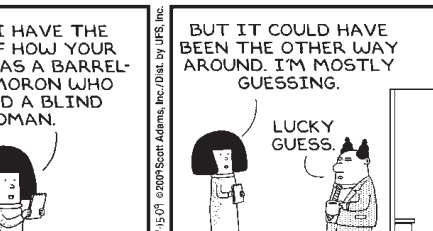
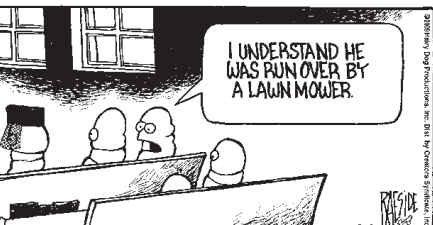
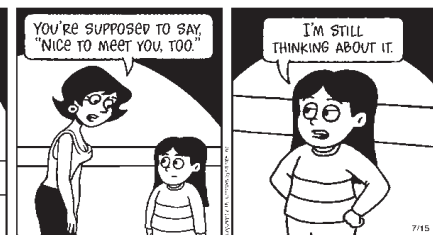
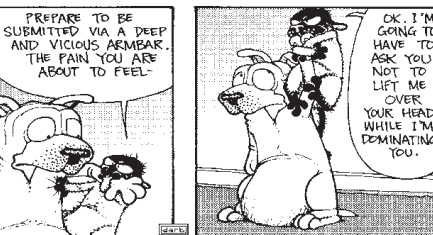
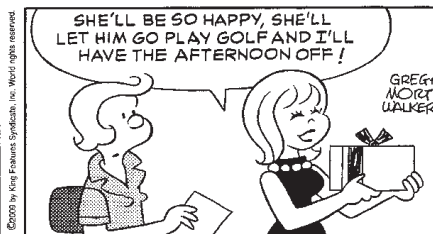
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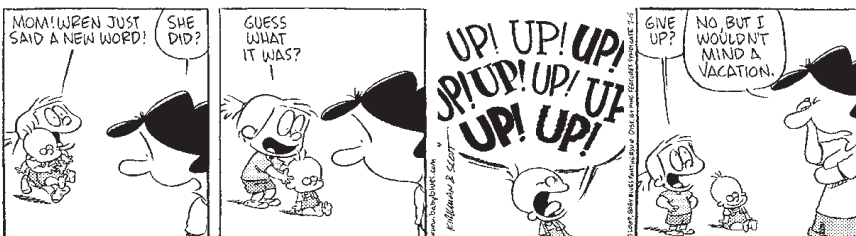
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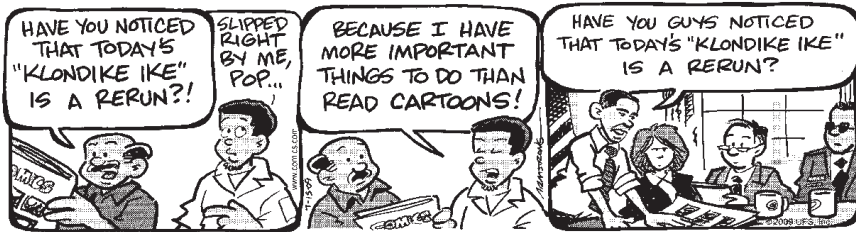
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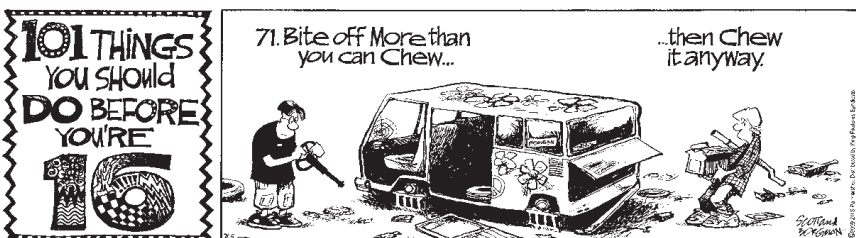
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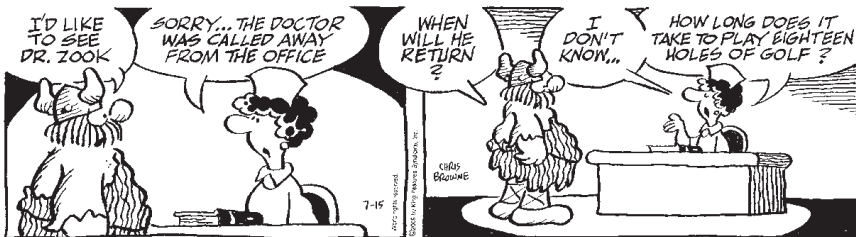
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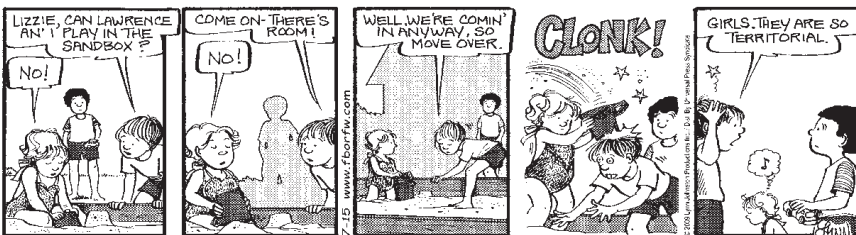
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Better or Worse



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Otherwise
- 5 Sushi offering
- 8 Rue the run
- 12 First slayer
- 13 Pint in a pub
- 14 Crucifix
- 15 Looker
- 17 North Sea feeder
- 18 Actor Davis
- 19 Connective tissue
- 21 Dalai —
- 24 Ungraceful one
- 25 Doily feature
- 28 It takes the cake
- 30 Corn spike
- 33 Past
- 34 Rorschach images
- 35 Historic time
- 36 Solidify
- 37 Valhalla VIP
- 38 Mulligan, for one
- 39 "CSI" find
- 41 Moist
- 43 Secret Service agent, often
- 46 Run off to marry
- 50 Therefore
- 51 Trouble
- 54 Doves' home
- 55 Big bother
- 56 Men-only
- 57 Pianist Dame Myra
- 58 Infinitesimal
- 59 "Bonanza" role

### DOWN

- 1 Reverberate
- 2 Cambodia neighbor
- 3 Perches
- 4 Store fodder
- 5 Water (Fr.)
- 6 2003 Will Ferrell movie
- 7 Remaining
- 8 Where the action is
- 9 Strong apprehension
- 10 Bum
- 11 Paradise
- 16 Afternoon social
- 20 A really long time
- 22 Jell-O creation
- 23 Duck
- 25 Trail behind
- 26 Time of your life?
- 27 Deli assortment
- 29 Sicilian spouter
- 31 "You — There"
- 32 Uncivilized
- 34 Wild porker
- 38 1984 Tom Hanks movie
- 40 Attendance count?
- 42 Kitten's call
- 43 Leave a good impression?
- 44 Old woman's home?
- 45 Spring occurrence
- 47 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 48 Carrots' partners
- 49 Work units
- 52 Praise in verse
- 53 Pirouette pivot

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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7-15

### CRYPTOQUIP

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PEXN HMNPC EM MNP JOSPC.  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I SAW THAT THE KITCHEN WRAP WAS FAILING TO KEEP THE FOOD FRESH, I CRIED "FOILED AGAIN!"  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals W

# Cautionary tale on teenage sex

**Dear Abby:** My daughter, age 15, was just diagnosed with the herpes virus, and she is devastated by the news. I had cautioned her to wait until she was older to become sexually active because I understand that decisions made in haste cannot be unmade, and some — as in this case — carry lifelong consequences. I also know that many, if not all, teenage girls do not cope very well with all the baggage that goes along with having sex.

At the time we had that discussion my daughter brushed me off. She said I couldn't look at the situation clearly because my feelings were influenced by my own mistakes and regrets. Now she sees that I knew what I was talking about.

Besides having to deal with a lifelong contagious disease and the possibility of infecting someone else, she has to deal with her irresponsible boyfriend who is

threatening to tell people that they are infected and it's all her fault.

Please tell me what I can do to protect my daughter from further harm. And please caution other teens about the risks of unprotected sex while letting them know that moms and dads really DO know what is best for them.

**Dear Abby**



— Devastated Mom in Ohio

Dear Mom: It isn't enough to tell young men and women to wait until they are older to have sex. In addition to that message they need to know how to protect themselves against an unplanned pregnancy, about the risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease (STD) and how to prevent it if they do become sexually active, and how to recognize the symptoms if they do get one so it can be promptly treated.

The rate of STDs in teens today is very high. It is estimated that one in four young women in the

U.S. ages 14 to 19 is infected with at least one common STD including herpes, HPV, chlamydia and trich (trichomoniasis).

Most STDs often have no symptoms — until there are more serious complications. Left untreated, some can make it difficult to conceive in adulthood.

Teens who are sexually active should have an STD checkup at least once a year. And any teen who thinks she — or he — might have an STD or learns that a sex partner has one should go and get tested right away.

You asked me how to protect your daughter now that her boyfriend is threatening to say this is all her fault. Much as you might wish to, you can't muzzle the young man. You can have a chat with his parents and let them impress upon their son how unwise that kind of slander would be for both of them. And that's what I'm advising you to do.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>  
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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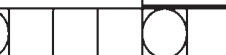


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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE COACH DID WHEN THE PLAYER FUMBLER.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

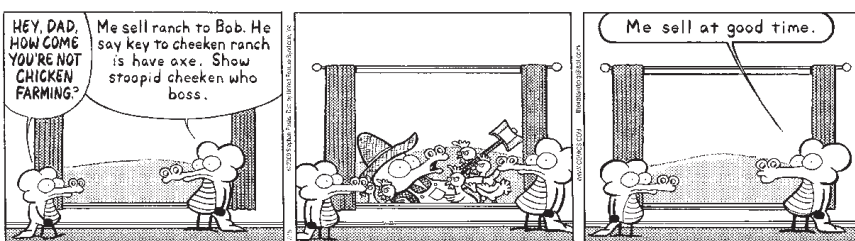
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUEST DAUNT MOBILE HANSOM  
Answer: When the cleaner's presser was late, the owner was — STEAMING, MAD

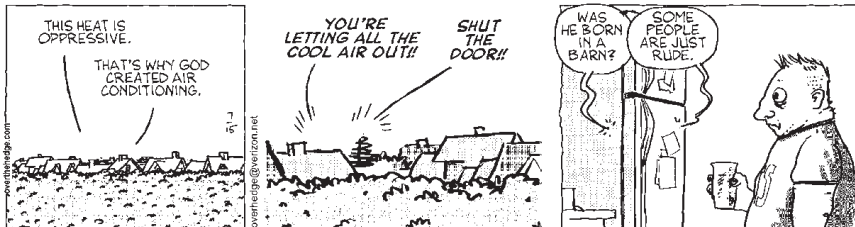
Pearls Before Swine



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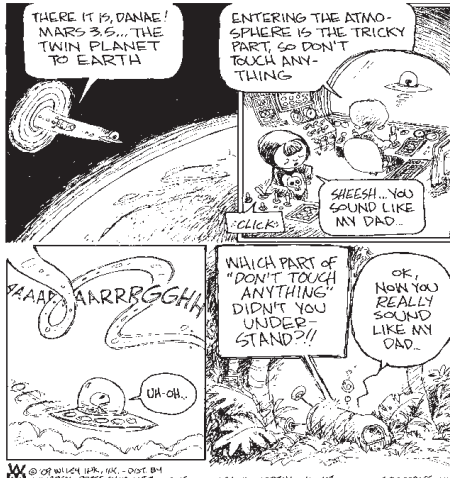
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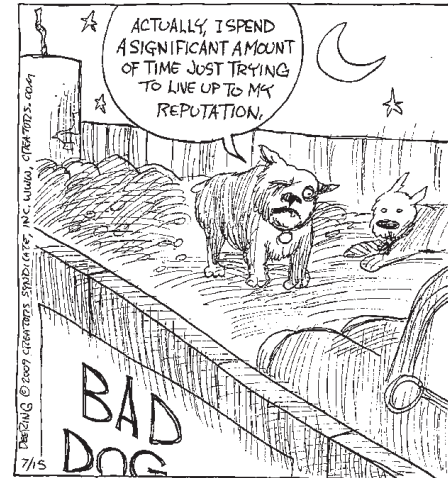
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Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



## Speed Bump





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TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: NY "Blink"	Raggs	Movie "The Reading Room" (2005, Drama) James Earl Jones, Joanna Cassidy.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You	MLB Baseball 2009 State Farm Home Run Derby. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Live)	(8:00) Ultimate Fighting Championship 99: The Comeback
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single (Part 1 of 2)		
10:00	Dr. Phil	Animaniacs	(4:00) Movie "The Professional" (1994) Jean Reno. A hit man takes an orphan girl under his wing.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30	Dr. Phil	Scooby			Week-Pentagon	AFN Europe Report	E! News	Softball 2009 All-Star Legends & Celebrity Game.	Ultimate Fighting Championship 100: Lesnar vs. Mir
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
11:30	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Immunity Syndrome"	SportsCenter	
12:00	ESPN	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Terms of Endearment" (1983) Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger. A domineering mother and her daughter spar for years.	Campbell Brown	Judge Judy	Around the Services	Roseanne	Baseball Tonight	
12:30	Prime News Tonight	Sylvester & Tweety			The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends "Fits & Starts"		
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Super Why!				Downrange	Emeril Live		
13:30	NBC Nightly News	Pinky Dinky Doo		Your World With Neil Cavuto	48 Hours Mystery "Drawn to Murder" Police work to set free a teen suspected of murder.	AFN Europe Report	Design Remix	SportsCenter	ESPN
14:00	World News-Gibson	Jakers! The Adventures		The Rachel Maddow Show		EXchange on Air	Curb Appeal		NFL Total Access
14:30	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:53) Movie "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise. Treachery in Prague puts an agent on the run.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Today's Air Force	Man vs. Wild "Andes Adventure" Patagonian glacier.	Baseball Tonight	MTV Hits Playlist
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch		Tavis Smiley		Recon	King of the Hill	NASCAR Now	X Play
15:30	The View	Movie "Scooby Doo and the Monster of Mexico" Frank Welker, Casey Kasem.	Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	That '70s Show		Punk'd
16:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Maltin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	NFL Total Access	The Simpsons
16:30	Judge Alex	Duel Masters	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
17:00	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Heroes "I Am Sylar"	Briefing Encore	Homeland Security USA	SportsCenter	WWE Monday Night Raw
17:30	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Flyboys" (2006, Historical Drama) James Franco, Martin Henderson. Americans volunteer for the French military in World War I.	Today	Everybody Hates Chris	Battleground	The Biggest Loser: Families	MLB Baseball 2009 State Farm Home Run Derby. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis.	The Salt 'N Pepa Show
18:00	Judge Judy	6TEEN	(4:5) Movie "Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville.	Today	The Office "Broke"	Recon Revisited	The Biggest Loser: Families		Snoop Father
18:30	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana		America's Newsroom	Bones "Cinderella in Cardboard"	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Stall"	SportsCenter	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
19:00	48 Hours Mystery	Summerland "Kicking and Screaming"		Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Friends	Softball 2009 All-Star Legends & Celebrity Game.	Attack of the Show!
19:30	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Stand (Up) and Deliver"			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	USARJ This Week	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
20:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Who Knew?"	(15:15) Movie "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000)		Late Show-Letterman	The Grill Sergeants	The Colbert Report		
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:15) Movie "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000, Comedy)	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	Baseball Tonight	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	6TEEN			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(12:50) Movie "Next Friday" (2000, Comedy) Ice Cube, Mike Epps, Justin Pierce.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	Recon	Battlestar Galactica "The Road Less Traveled"	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATN/AFN Report	True Jackson, VP		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Creatures of the Night"	Around the Services	Las Vegas "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast"	SportsCenter	Family Guy
2:00	Heroes "I Am Sylar"	Summerland "Kicking and Screaming"			Today's Air Force	Downrange			WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30	Everybody Hates Chris	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Stand (Up) and Deliver"	(4:5) Movie "Flyboys" (2006, Historical Drama) James Franco, Martin Henderson, Jean Reno. Americans volunteer for the French military in World War I.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	The Unit "Always Kiss Them Goodbye"	MLB Baseball 2009 State Farm Home Run Derby. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis.	The Salt 'N Pepa Show
3:00	The Office "Broke"	7th Heaven "Who Knew?"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Seinfeld "The Stall"		Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
3:30	Bones "Cinderella in Cardboard"	Teletubbies		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Around the Services	Friends	NFL Live	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
4:00	Headline News	Bear in the Big Blue House	(22) Movie "Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville, Neal McDonough.	Glenn Beck	Headline News	Army Newswatch	Kiana's Flex Appeal	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
4:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Sesame Street			Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Around the Horn	
5:00	Late Show With David Letterman	Peep-Big World	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Downrange	Take Home Chef	Pardon the Interruption	
5:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Curious George	Maltin's Secret's Out	NBC Nightly News		Around the Services	Cooking-Sandra Lee	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
6:00	Late Show With David Letterman	The Wonder Pets!	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	The Grill Sergeants	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Connecticut Sun. From the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn. (Live)
6:30	CSI: NY "Creatures of the Night"	Raggs	Movie "Murder at 75 Birch" (1999, Suspense) Melissa Gilbert. A widow's brother-in-law may actually be a murderer.	CBS Evening News	The View	Recon	Mad About You	MLB Baseball All-Star Game. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (Live)	ESPN
7:00	Oprah Winfrey	Aladdin		Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single (Part 2 of 2)		National Heads-Up Poker Championship
7:30	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!	(10:47) Movie "A Civil Action" (1998, Drama) John Travolta. A lawyer faces an uphill battle against two large companies.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
8:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!			The King of Queens	Recon	E! News		
8:30	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	(12:57) Movie "Singles" (1992) Bridget Fonda, Matt Dillon. Lives and loves mix in Seattle apartment building.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10	SportsCenter	
9:00	ESPN	SpongeBob SquarePants		Campbell Brown	Judge Judy	Battleground	Star Trek "A Private Little War"		
9:30	Prime News Tonight	The Weekenders			The Young and the Restless	Around the Services	Roseanne "Hair"	Baseball Tonight	NFL Live
10:00	Prime News Tonight	WordGirl		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends "Odds & Ends"		NASCAR Now
10:30	NBC Nightly News	Play With Me Sesame				Downrange	Emeril Live	MotoGP Racing: World Championship -- Catalunya GP	
11:00	World News-Gibson	Doodlebops	(2:48) Movie "The Pelican Brief" (1993) Julia Roberts. An inquisitive law student becomes the target of assassins.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	AFN News Europe	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	NFL Total Access
11:30	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Color Splash		
12:00	The View	Movie "WALL-E" (2008, Adventure) Voices of Ben Burtt. Animated. A robot chases a mechanical scout across the galaxy.	At the Movies	Tavis Smiley		The American Veteran	Survivorman	Cycling Tour de France -- Stage 10. From Limoges to Issoudun. (Taped)	MTV Hits Playlist
12:30	Dr. Phil	Duel Masters	Entertainment Studios.com	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon Revisited	King of the Hill		X Play
13:00	Judge Alex	Duel Masters	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
13:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	World News-Gibson	Ft. Hood on Track	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
14:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Date Movie" (2006, Romance-Comedy) Alyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell.	Today	Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy "Petarded"
14:30	Judge Judy	Mucha Lucha			America's Got Talent Hopefuls continue to audition.	Briefing Encore	One Tree Hill "What Do You Go Home To"	MLB Baseball All-Star Game. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis.	UFC Unleashed
15:00	The Young and the Restless	Sonny With a Chance	(4:1) Movie "Secret Window" (2004) Johnny Depp, John Turturro. A stranger accuses a troubled author of plagiarism.	Today	Big Brother 11	Fit For Duty	Ugly Betty "The Born Identity"		Luke's Parental Advisory
15:30	General Hospital	American Dreams "Great Expectations"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Battleground	Desperate Housewives "City on Fire"	Baseball Tonight	Baldwin Hills
16:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "It's Only a Test"	(3:5) Movie "King Kong" (1976, Fantasy) Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange, Charles Grodin.	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Dinner Party"		Making the Band 4
16:30	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Says Who?"			Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Friends		The Best Damn Sports Show Period
17:00						Tour of Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
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Atsugi - 96 Honda Odyssey. 67,000 km, runs great, cold AC, CD player, new tires and radiator in 2008. JCI thru April 2010, road tax paid, available July 22 - PCS'ing, \$1200, call 264-7631

SHAZAMA - 1991 Champagne colored Nissan Bluebird. 117,000 km/72000 mi. Runs Well. Maintained. Very reliable. Great A/C, heat, older model GPS, but works well. All fees paid. JCI due Oct. 09. Asking 500.00. Available Mid-July. Call Rich 267-6620 / 080-6626-9248.

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Yokota - \$1,000 buys a 1996 Toyota Ipsum. Awesome dual AC, iPod ready with great stereo, seats 6, fabulous "Vegas-like" interior that absorbs child droppings. JCI till next year. Call Tim at 09093664615 (Yokota). Available July 25th.

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Mazda Miata Roadster (convertible) Runs and drives great. Nothing wrong mechanically, small tear in the back of the top, five speed and lots of fun. My daughter has left for college no longer needed. JCI until Oct. 09 asking \$1650 OBO Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1991 Toyota Estima (4-Wheel Drive) The larger Toyota van. Red with only 121K Km (75.2K Miles) Seats 7 comfortably, two middle bucket seats that turn all the way around or flatten out to load larger cargo. Smooth ride with sonar sensors on all 4 corners of vehicle. Excellent tires, New Air Conditioner compressor 7 months ago. Cold air works great! Includes a cooler/ice maker in center console for long trips, Sun Roof, JCI until Feb 2010 Asking 2100 OBO Call 1-763-354-3512 or email tom\_n\_ana@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Subaru Legacy Wagon, runs fine, JCI to Sept. 29th Best use as a temporary short term vehicle. runs fine, A/C, music, etc seats 5, rear seat folds down. Why so cheap? Just had JCI inspection and will need \$400-\$800 of work to pass next JCI (on-base price, maybe half that off-base). Recycle tax already paid. Road tax paid. Can use for a temporary car, then junk. At junking, you can get back the remaining Road tax, which should be over \$100. Could fix up, but wouldn't recommend it, won't pass due to oil leaks, tires at minimum, etc. We are about to travel and want to take care of this in the next few days. If no response, we'll junk it ourselves shortly; just thought someone could use it for temporary transportation. Please email yokota10e88@yahoo.com Thanks for viewing!

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Cima runs great 18" Chrome Rims PCS'ing soon! JCI good until Aug 2010! Asking \$1000 Call Gainey 080-3713-9713 gainey98@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Camry, color dark gray/blue; 4-door; good condition. Selling for a friend who is PCS'ing. JCI expires Feb. 2010 asking \$1000 obo please call Jim at 1-323-338-7588

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Mazda Familia - \$600, silver/gray in color. 4door, new tires, runs good, A/C works, just needs to be recharged. Road tax and recycling tax paid. JCI good till Aug 2010. Miles 67784-km. Available July 28. Give deposit we will hold for you. Contact Jennifer 240-945-5319

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Accord Wagon - Power Locks, brand new, Break pads/ Power Windows / Air Conditioner / Anti-Lock Brakes / Driver Airbag / Passenger Airbag / A/C / Power Steering / Alloy Wheels / Power Mirrors / ETC Card Reader Pre-installed. Very roomy. Looks great. Drives great, everything runs. Great No accidents, JCI until Aug. 2011 asking \$3500 please call 090-1452-9348

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda odyssey-low km-JCI good until Feb. 2011 asking \$1600 please call 773-634-7782 or email usa1\_firefighters\_wife@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Mitsubishi Lancer MX Great investment. Smoke free, Power locks and windows. Automatic 4 doors. Very standard. Big trunk. JCI is good for 2 years exp. Date March 2011. Road tax is paid. Asking \$2000.00 or best offer Please call David or Jennifer 7134900555

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Integra 84,700 km Air Conditioning Power Locks Power Windows JCI until April 2010 Asking \$2300 Please call Jayson Hedrick 090-6116-7079 or email jaymef172@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey, JCI July 2011 \$1800.00 obo low miles / power sunroof / 7 passenger / front + back ac + heat all seats fold away for 4-flattop cargo area new tires (4 months old) front wheel drive / tilt steering abs / power everything sunshine roof (tinted see through roof) great shape well maintained call 612-358-4908

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Yokota, Japan - 1999 Honda Odyssey JCI good until Jan 2011, Great AC and Heater, CD Player, Power windows and doors. Great Condition, 72646 Kilometers, Remote power locks, Very Clean (Owners are non-smokers!) Must sell owner is PCS'ing! Asking \$3000 OBO Call 08035888753 or email g.j.frog@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 2001 Subaru Legacy B4 5 speed manual transmission. Twin turbo all wheel drive. Black and Blue leather interior. 6 disk CD changer. Navigation system. Aftermarket MOKO steering wheel. HKS cold air intake HKS Super Sequential blow off valve HKS turbo timer. Cosco front strut bar Aftermarket exhaust. HID head-lights Adjustable suspension LED instrument panel. Power everything. Interior in excellent condition. Exterior in good condition. Factory 17" bronze rims (almost no curb rash). New tires (about 2 months old) Keyless entry just changed the oil. Road tax paid. JCI until April 2011 asking \$4700 I still have most of the stock parts. All reasonable offers will be considered. You can also contact me at 080-4053-9239 or jonthanh.mckee@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 91 Toyota Estima Very reliable Great van for family trips around Japan, cool/hot drink box with ice/mak, captain chairs - swivel for easy conversation, power windows/locks, sunroof, moon-roof, A/C/heat front & rear, new tires (4 xs), sonar sensor, AM/FM cassette JCI until June 10. Asking \$2100 OBO Call now - 623-734-9625

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Yokota, Japan - Honda Civic JCI Mar 2011 Great car excellent condition. A/C works great, Keyless entry, Low miles Great on gas. JCI expire Mar. 2011 asking \$1500 Call 1-623-734-9619

Zama - 1994 Nissan Skyline, charcoal color, 53,000 KM, new battery last year, new brake pads last inspection, remote keyless entry, JCI good until Aug 09, RMD CD player good condition, includes iPod FM transmitter, available July 15th, \$500. Contact Suzanne 267-6180, 080-3098-5767, or email sandalbook@hotmail.com

Zama - 1998 Honda Odyssey Van, JCI: 6 June 2011. Leather exterior, TV, navigational unit. Excellent cond. Available immediately \$ 2,000 080-5688-0966/263-8976

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Atsugi - 2008 Harley Davidson Street Glide Anniversary Edition. 1000 miles JCI and road tax paid and inspection is good for two more years ABS C/C and much more. Asking \$17,750. Call DSN# 315-264-4112 or CELL# 080-3531-5391

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Yokota, Japan - Suzuki GSX-R 750 Bike has low miles on it. Bunch of upgrades. Can be taken back to the states. Call 0805-0800-412 if interested. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$5500 Call 973-474-2603 or email s\_cenov@yahoo.com

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# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

**Wednesday**  
**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—MLB: All-Star Home Run Derby (dld).  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—WNBA: Los Angeles at Connecticut.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—MLB: All-Star Game.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 10, Limoges-Issoudun (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.**—MLB: All-Star Game (dld).

**Thursday**  
**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—MLB: All-Star Game (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.**—Baseball: Class AAA All-Star Game.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 11, Vatan-Saint Fargeau (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.**—Golf: British Open, first round.

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit [www.myaafn.net](http://www.myaafn.net) for more information.

## Pro basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	9	2	.818	—
Washington	6	5	.545	3
Chicago	7	7	.500	3½
Connecticut	5	6	.455	4
Atlanta	6	8	.429	4½
New York	4	7	.364	5
Detroit	3	7	.300	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	10	4	.714	—
Minnesota	9	5	.643	1
Seattle	8	5	.615	1½
San Antonio	5	6	.455	3½
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	4½
Sacramento	3	10	.231	6½
Sunday's games				
Minnesota 83, San Antonio 76				
Chicago 86, Seattle 81				
Monday's games				
No games scheduled				
Tuesday's game				
Los Angeles at Connecticut				

## Deals

**Sunday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS**—Released 1B Tony Clark.  
**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Activated INF Greg Norton from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Gregor Blanco to Gwinnett (IL).  
**CINCINNATI REDS**—Recalled INF Adam Rosales from Louisville (IL). Placed OF Jay Bruce on the 15-day DL.  
**FLORIDA MARLINS**—Purchased the contract of RHP Luis Ayala from New Orleans (PCL). Transferred RHP Anibal Sanchez to the 60-day DL. Optioned LHP Sean West to Jacksonville (SL).  
**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS**—Activated RHP Kyle Lohse from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Blake Hawksworth to Memphis (PCL).

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS**—Named Tony Brown assistant coach.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**NEW YORK RANGERS**—Agreed to terms with F Dane Biers.

## Boxing

**Fight schedule**  
**July 17**  
At Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, Breidis Prescott, Miami, vs. Miguel Vazquez, Mexico, 10, lightweight.  
**July 18**  
At Lancashire, England, Andriy Kotelnik, Germany, vs. Amir Khan, Britain, 12, for Kotelnik's WBA light welterweight title.  
At Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Tomas Rojas, Mexico, vs. Ricardo Nunez, Panama, 12, for the interim WBC super flyweight title.  
**July 25**  
At Yucatan, Mexico, Yuriorkis Gamboa, Miami, vs. Whyder Garcia, Panama, 12, for the interim WBA featherweight title; Giovanni Segura, Mexico, vs. Sonny Boy Jaro, Philippines, 12, for the WBA light flyweight title; Urbano Antillon, Mexico, vs. Miguel Acosta, Venezuela, 12, for the interim WBA lightweight title; Juan Alberto Rosas, Mexico, vs. Alejandro Martinez, Mexico, 12, super flyweights; Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., Mexico, vs. Jason LeHoullier, Portland, Maine, 10, light middleweights; Jesus Soto Karass, Los Angeles, vs. Antonio Diaz, Mexico, 10, welterweights.  
**July 31**  
At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Julio Diaz, Coachella, Calif., vs. Victor Manuel Cayo, Dominican Republic, 10, lightweight; Chazz Witherspoon, Paulsboro, N.J., vs. Carl Davis Drummond, Costa Rica, 10, heavyweight.

## Golf

**U.S. Women's Open**  
**Sunday**  
**At Saucon Valley Country Club**  
**(Old Course)**  
**Bethlehem, Pa.**  
**Purse: \$3.25 million**  
**Yardage: 6,740; Par: 71**  
**Final**  
Eun Hee Ji, \$585,000 71-72-70-71-284 E  
Candie Kung, \$350,000 71-77-68-69-285 +1  
In-Kyung Kim, \$183,568 72-72-72-70-286 +2  
Kristie Kerr, \$183,568 69-70-72-75-286 +2  
B. Lincicome, \$122,415 72-72-73-70-287 +3  
Paula Creamer, \$99,126 72-68-79-69-288 +4  
Ai Miyazato, \$99,126 74-74-71-69-288 +4  
S. Pettersen, \$99,126 74-71-72-71-288 +4  
Na Yeon Choi, \$76,711 68-74-76-71-289 +5  
Kyeong Bae, \$76,711 75-73-69-72-289 +5  
H. Young Park, \$76,711 70-74-72-73-289 +5  
Song-Hye Kim, \$66,769 74-69-75-72-290 +6  
Jiyai Shin, \$59,428 72-75-76-68-291 +7  
a-Jennifer Song 72-74-73-72-291 +7  
Sun Ju Ahn, \$59,428 75-71-72-73-291 +7  
M. Pressel, \$59,428 74-75-69-73-291 +7  
L. Wright, \$42,724 74-70-77-71-292 +8  
Jimin Kang, \$42,724 76-71-74-71-292 +8  
Laura Davies, \$42,724 72-73-72-72-292 +8  
A. Fukushima, \$42,724 76-72-73-73-292 +8  
M. Francella, \$42,724 73-72-74-73-292 +8  
N. Castrale, \$42,724 74-71-74-73-292 +8  
Anna Grzebiel, \$42,724 73-77-69-73-292 +8  
Jean Reynolds, \$42,724 69-72-74-77-292 +8  
Teresa Lu, \$42,724 76-69-70-77-292 +8  
He Yong Choi, \$27,420 75-74-74-68-293 +9  
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Inbee Park, \$27,420 75-71-77-70-293 +9  
a-Allison Lee 75-72-76-70-293 +9  
Julie Inkster, \$27,420 78-73-72-70-293 +9  
A. Nordqvist, \$27,420 71-75-75-72-293 +9  
Lorena Ochoa, \$27,420 69-79-73-72-293 +9  
Sun Young Yoo, \$22,603 72-74-72-76-294 +10  
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M. Redman, \$16,924 77-73-76-70-296 +12  
Sandra Gal, \$16,924 76-77-77-73-296 +12  
Misun Choo, \$16,924 76-74-77-76-296 +12  
Young Kim, \$16,924 71-75-76-74-296 +12  
a-Azahara Munoz 72-76-74-74-296 +12  
Brittany Lang, \$16,924 75-74-73-74-296 +12  
Ji Young Oh, \$16,924 76-71-74-75-296 +12  
Momoko Ueda, \$16,924 72-77-72-75-296 +12  
Stacy Lewis, \$13,481 78-73-76-70-297 +13  
Shanshan Feng, \$13,481 73-78-73-73-297 +13  
Hee-Kyung Seo, \$13,481 75-73-73-76-297 +13  
M. Jose Uribe, \$13,481 75-76-69-77-297 +13  
Christina Kim, \$10,736 72-76-79-71-298 +14  
K. Stupples, \$10,736 73-75-78-72-298 +14  
A. Blumenherst, \$10,736 75-76-73-74-298 +14  
Hye Jung Choi, \$10,736 72-75-75-76-298 +14  
Giulia Sergas, \$10,736 75-67-76-70-298 +14  
Haegi Kang, \$9,173 73-78-77-71-299 +15  
Mika Miyazato, \$9,173 75-76-76-72-299 +15  
S. Prammanaduseth, \$9,173 73-75-78-73-299 +15  
Yuri Fudoh, \$9,173 73-71-80-75-299 +15  
Cindy Lacrosse, \$8,365 76-75-76-73-300 +16  
Ji Hee Lee, \$8,365 77-72-77-74-300 +16  
Marena Lee, \$8,365 72-75-77-74-300 +16  
Becky Moran, \$8,365 75-76-73-76-300 +16  
Allison Fouch, \$7,985 75-75-77-74-301 +17  
a-Allie White 74-73-78-76-301 +17  
Mina Hariga, \$7,788 77-72-80-73-302 +18  
Karine Icher, \$7,788 76-74-79-73-302 +18  
Jennie Lee, \$7,590 75-76-78-75-304 +20  
a-Candice Schepperle 73-78-76-79-307 +22  
Carolina Liano, \$7,458 73-77-78-79-307 +23  
Lisa Ferrero, \$7,323 77-74-84-77-312 +28

## Auto racing

**Honda Indy Toronto**  
**IRL IndyCar Series**  
**Sunday**  
**On the street of Toronto**  
**Lap length: 1.755 miles**  
**(Starting position in parentheses; all cars Dallara chassis, Honda engine)**  
1. (1) Dario Franchitti, 85.  
2. (11) Ryan Briscoe, 85.  
3. (2) Will Power, 85.  
4. (8) Scott Dixon, 85.  
5. (4) Justin Wilson, 85.  
6. (18) Danica Patrick, 85.  
7. (12) Ryan Hunter-Reay, 85.  
8. (17) Marco Andretti, 85.  
9. (5) Alex Tagliani, 85.  
10. (9) Raphael Matos, 85.  
11. (13) Mario Moraes, 85.  
12. (22) Hideki Mutoh, 84.  
13. (16) E.J. Vito, 84.  
14. (19) Dan Wheldon, 84.  
15. (19) Ed Carpenter, 82.  
16. (14) Tomas Scheckter, 74, contact.  
17. (20) Tony Kanaan, 70, contact.  
18. (10) Helio Castroneves, 65, contact.  
19. (15) Paul Tracy, 65, contact.  
20. (3) Graham Rahal, 57, contact.  
21. (23) Richard Antinucci, 41, mechanical.  
22. (6) Mike Conway, 32, contact.  
23. (7) Robert Doornbos, 26, mechanical.  
**Winner's average speed:** 86.240 mph.  
**Time of race:** 1 hour, 43 minutes, 47.1408 seconds.  
**Margin of victory:** 1.6745 seconds.  
**Cautions:** 5 for 15 laps.  
**Lead changes:** 7 among 5 drivers.  
**Lap leaders:** Franchitti 1-24, Tagliani 25-33, Moraes 34, Scheckter 35-40, Castroneves 41-47, Tagliani 48-59, Castroneves 60-64, Franchitti 65-85.  
**Point Standings**  
1. Franchitti 347. 2. Dixon 345. 3. Briscoe 334. 4. Castroneves 269. 5. Patrick 266. 6. Wheldon 240. 7. Andretti 238. 8. Kanaan 227. 9. Wilson 217. 10. Rahal 209.

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## John Deere Classic

**PGA Tour**  
**Sunday**  
**At TPC Deere Run**  
**Silvis, Ill.**  
**Purse: \$4.3 million**  
**Yardage: 7,268; Par: 71**  
**Final**  
**a-amateur**  
S. Stricker, \$774,000 71-61-68-64—264 -20  
Zach Johnson, \$321,067 69-68-64-66—267 -17  
B. Snedeker, \$321,067 67-67-68-65—267 -17  
B. Quigley, \$321,067 69-69-62-67—267 -17  
Matt Jones, \$156,950 68-68-63-69—268 -16  
J.J. Henry, \$156,950 65-69-66-68—268 -16  
Tim Petrovic, \$156,950 70-67-66-69—268 -16  
K. Streelman, \$133,300 66-67-68-64—269 -15  
C. Beckman, \$103,200 71-66-64-69—270 -14  
A. Baddeley, \$103,200 68-69-68-65—270 -14  
D. Chopra, \$103,200 67-70-66-67—270 -14  
Greg Owen, \$103,200 67-67-68-68—270 -14  
S. Verplank, \$103,200 70-64-69-67—270 -14  
D. Stiles, \$103,200 64-65-70-71—270 -14  
C. Hoffman, \$64,500 71-65-66-69—271 -13  
Spencer Levin, \$64,500 67-69-68-67—271 -13  
Chris Stroud, \$64,500 67-68-67-69—271 -13  
Peter Lonard, \$64,500 67-69-68-67—271 -13  
Chad Campbell, \$64,500 68-67-68-68—271 -13  
J. McNeill, \$64,500 67-71-68-65—271 -13  
Jason Day, \$64,500 66-68-68-69—271 -13  
S. Elkington, \$48,160 69-69-65-69—272 -12  
R. Garrigus, \$38,270 68-70-65-67—273 -11  
Lee Janzen, \$38,270 64-70-66-73—273 -11  
C. Howell III, \$38,270 69-69-69-66—273 -11  
Jerry Kelly, \$38,270 69-64-70-70—273 -11  
Ryan Palmer, \$38,270 70-64-71-68—273 -11  
G. Willis, \$31,175 69-68-71-66—274 -10  
David Mathis, \$31,175 69-69-69-67—274 -10  
Todd Hamilton, \$27,305 68-68-69-69—275 -9  
Pat Perez, \$27,305 69-68-69-69—275 -9  
Bryce Molder, \$27,305 69-69-66-71—275 -9  
Marc Leishman, \$27,305 68-70-66-71—275 -9  
Kyle Stanley, \$22,188 71-66-69-70—276 -8  
Heath Slocum, \$22,188 69-67-70-70—276 -8  
F. Lickliter II, \$22,188 69-66-71-70—276 -8  
Ryan Moore, \$22,188 71-67-69-69—276 -8  
Chris Riley, \$22,188 71-67-69-69—276 -8

## 3M Championship

**Champions Tour**  
**Sunday**  
**At TPC Twin Cities**  
**Blaine, Minn.**  
**Purse: \$1.75 million**  
**Yardage: 7,100; Par: 72**  
**Final**  
B. Langer, \$262,500 67-68-65—200 -16  
Andy Bean, \$154,000 65-69-67—201 -15  
Scott Hoch, \$126,000 67-69-66—202 -14  
Tom Kite, \$105,000 69-67-67—203 -13  
Steve Thomas, \$77,000 73-64-67—204 -12  
Nick Price, \$77,000 65-68-71—204 -12  
Mark O'Meara, \$56,000 71-70-64—205 -11  
Don Forsman, \$56,000 67-71-67—205 -11  
Larry Mize, \$56,000 72-67-66—205 -11  
Gene Jones, \$56,000 66-68-72—206 -10  
Ronnie Black, \$40,250 67-74-66—207 -9  
Mark McNulty, \$40,250 70-70-67—207 -9  
David Edwards, \$33,250 70-71-67—208 -8  
Jay Haas, \$33,250 71-69-68—208 -8  
John Cook, \$33,250 71-68-69—208 -8  
David Eger, \$27,169 72-71-66—209 -7  
B. Fleisher, \$27,169 69-73-67—209 -7  
Jeff Sluman, \$27,169 72-70-67—209 -7  
Dana Quigley, \$27,169 71-69-69—209 -7  
Brad Bryant, \$22,400 70-71-69—210 -6  
Chip Beck, \$22,400 71-70-69—210 -6  
M. Hatafsky, \$16,839 71-75-65—211 -5  
John Jacobs, \$16,839 70-74-67—211 -5  
Don Pooley, \$16,839 71-73-67—211 -5

## Soccer

## CONCACAF Gold Cup

**FIRST ROUND**  
**Top two in each group and two best third-place teams advance to quarterfinals**  
**GROUP A**  
W L T GF GA Pts  
x-Canada 2 0 1 4 2 7  
x-Costa Rica 1 1 1 4 4 4  
Jamaica 1 2 0 1 2 3  
El Salvador 1 2 0 2 3 3  
x-advanced to quarterfinals  
**Friday, July 10**  
**At Miami**  
Costa Rica 2, Canada 2  
Jamaica 1, El Salvador 0  
**GROUP B**  
W L T GF GA Pts  
x-United States 2 0 1 8 2 7  
x-Honduras 2 1 0 5 2 6  
x-Haiti 1 1 1 4 3 4  
Grenada 0 3 0 0 10 0  
x-advanced to quarterfinals  
**Saturday, July 11**  
**At Foxborough, Mass.**  
United States 2, Haiti 2  
Honduras 4, Grenada 0  
**GROUP C**  
W L T GF GA Pts  
x-Mexico 2 0 1 5 1 7  
x-Guadeloupe 2 1 0 4 3 6  
x-Panama 1 1 1 6 5 4  
Nicaragua 0 3 0 2 8 0  
x-advanced to quarterfinals  
**Sunday, July 12**  
**At Glendale, Ariz.**  
Panama 4, Nicaragua 2  
Mexico 2, Guadeloupe 2  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
**Saturday, July 18**  
**At Philadelphia**  
Canada vs. Honduras  
United States vs. Panama  
**Sunday, July 19**  
**At Arlington, Texas**  
Guadeloupe vs. Costa Rica  
Mexico vs. Haiti  
**SEMIFINALS**  
**Thursday, July 23**  
**At Chicago**  
Philadelphia quarterfinal winners  
Arlington quarterfinal winners  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 26**  
**At East Rutherford, N.J.**  
Semifinals winners

**MLS**  
**Eastern Conference**  
W L T Pts GF GA  
Chicago 6 3 7 25 23 20  
Toronto FC 7 6 4 25 24 26  
D.C. United 5 3 3 24 26 22  
Columbus 5 3 9 24 21 11  
Kansas City 5 6 5 20 19 18  
New England 4 5 5 17 15 21  
New York 2 13 4 10 15 30  
**Western Conference**  
W L T Pts GF GA  
Houston 9 4 4 31 22 12  
Seattle 7 7 7 28 26 16  
Chivas USA 8 5 3 27 19 13  
Colorado 6 4 6 24 23 20  
Los Angeles 5 3 9 24 19 18  
Real Salt Lake 5 6 5 20 23 18  
FC Dallas 4 8 5 17 20 26  
San Jose 3 9 4 13 19 31  
**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Saturday's games**  
New England 0, Kansas City 0, tie  
Seattle FC 2, Houston 1  
Chicago 0, Columbus 0, tie  
Colorado 1, FC Dallas 0  
Toronto FC 3, San Jose 1  
Los Angeles 1, Chivas USA 0  
**Thursday, July 16**  
**Los Angeles at New York**  
**WPS**  
W L T Pts GF GA  
Los Angeles 1 2 4 37 24 6  
Saint Louis 7 5 2 23 13 12  
Boston 5 6 3 18 15 16  
Sky Blue FC 5 6 3 18 11 12  
Chicago 4 6 5 17 13 17  
Washington 4 6 4 16 18 22  
FC Gold Pride 3 8 3 12 12 21  
**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Wednesday's game**  
Saint Louis 1, Los Angeles 0  
**Sunday's games**  
Sky Blue FC 2, Boston 1  
Chicago 3, FC Gold Pride 1  
**Wednesday, July 15**  
Chicago at Boston  
Washington at Sky Blue FC

## Tennis

**Davis Cup**  
**WORLD GROUP**  
**Quarterfinals**  
**Winners to semifinals, Sept. 18-20**  
**Croatia 3, United States 2**  
**At Sportska Dvorana "Zatika"**  
**Porec, Croatia**  
**Surface: Clay-Indoor**  
**Singles**  
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. James Blake, United States, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 7-5.  
Marin Cilic, Croatia, def. Mardy Fish, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 8-6.  
**Doubles**  
Bob and Mike Bryan, United States, def. Lovro Zovko and Roko Karanusic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.  
**Reverse Singles**  
Marin Cilic, Croatia, def. James Blake, United States, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.  
Bob Bryan, United States, def. Roko Karanusic, Croatia, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (4).  
**Czech Republic 1, Argentina 2**  
**At Cez Arena**  
**Ostrava, Czech Republic**  
**Surface: Hard-Indoor**  
**Singles**  
Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 6-4, 2-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Ivo Minar, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.  
**Doubles**  
Tomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Jose Acasuso and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 5-1, 6-4, 6-3.  
**Reverse Singles**  
Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, def. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.  
Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-2.  
**Israel 4, Russia 1**  
**At Sport Palaces Ltd (Nokia)**  
**Tel Aviv, Israel**  
**Surface: Hard-Indoor**  
**Singles**  
Harel Levy, Israel, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.  
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 3-6, 6-0, 6-1, 7-5.  
Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, def. Igor Kunitsyn and Marat Safin, Russia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 4-6, 6-4.  
**Reverse Singles**  
Igor Andreev, Russia, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 4-3, retired.  
Harel Levy, Israel, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (2).  
**Spain 5, Germany 2**  
**At Plaza de Toros de Puerto Banus**  
**Marbella, Spain**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-0, 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-1.  
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.  
**Doubles**  
Fernando Verdasco and Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Nicolas Kiefer and Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (6), 6-3.  
**Reverse Singles**  
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 1-6, 2-6, 8-6.  
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

## Hall of Fame Championships

**Sunday**  
**At The International Tennis Hall of Fame**  
**Newport, R.I.**  
**Purse: \$500,000 (WT250)**  
**Surface: Grass-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Championship**  
Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Sam Querrey (3), United States, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-3.  
**Doubles**  
**Championship**  
Jordan Kerr, Australia, and Rajeev Ram (3), United States, def. Michael Kohlmann, Germany, and Rogier Wassen, Netherlands, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (7), 10-6 tiebreak.

## Budapest Grand Prix

**Sunday**  
**At Romai Tennis Academy**  
**Budapest, Hungary**  
**Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Championship**  
Agnes Szavay (4), Hungary, def. Patty Schnyder (1), Switzerland, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
**Doubles**  
**Championship**  
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, and Monica Niculescu (1), Romania, def. Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko (2), Ukraine, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

## AP spotlight

**July 15**  
**1912**—Jim Thorpe wins the decathlon at the Stockholm Olympics and, in the closing ceremony, Swedish King Gustav proclaims Thorpe the world's greatest athlete.  
**1923**—Amateur Bobby Jones beats Bobby Cruikshank by two strokes in a playoff to win the U.S. Open golf title.  
**1945**—Byron Nelson defeats Sam Byrd in the final round of the PGA golf tournament.





MEL EVANS/AP

South Korea's Eun Hee Ji kisses the trophy after winning the U.S. Women's Open on Sunday in Bethlehem, Pa.

## U.S. Women's Open

# Ji holds off rally with birdie putt

By BOB LENTZ

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — South Korea's Eun Hee Ji made the U.S. Women's Open memorable for more than a lingering LPGA Tour hierarchy dispute.

Former champion Cristie Kerr failed to hold the lead, and Ji punctuated a frantic final round Sunday by rolling in a lengthy birdie putt on the 72nd hole to win the Women's Open.

"I didn't even dream about winning this tournament, but, well, I did it, and I think this is going to be one of the most memorable moments in my life," Ji said through an interpreter.

The unlikely birdie and improbable victory by Ji provided a respite from the dispute between LPGA Tour commissioner Carolyn Bivens and more than a dozen top tour players who signed a letter calling for her resignation.

By late Sunday afternoon, the focus was on golf and the final pairing playing the 72nd hole of the championship — and Ji seized the moment, capping an even-par 71 with a near 20-footer for birdie to claim the national championship.

Her putt spoiled a strong two-round rally by Candie Kung. Kung vaulted from 37th to a tie for fifth in the third round and was tied with Ji at 1-over before the winning putt.

Ji recovered from two bogeys in her first four holes and a double-bogey at the 10th, making three birdies over the final six holes to finish even with a 284 at Saucon Valley Country Club.

Ji, 23, is another of a legion of South Korean players who were inspired to play the game by 1998 champion Se Ri Pak. She claimed the biggest prize in golf in just her second try, after finishing tied for 42nd last year.

She is the second straight South Korean to win the event, following Inbee Park.

Countrywoman Birdie Kim

## Bivens is out as LPGA head

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Carolyn Bivens resigned as LPGA Tour commissioner Monday, bowing to pressure from players who were upset about the organization's economic woes and her leadership.

Marsha Evans, a retired rear admiral in the Navy who also has led the American Red Cross and Girl Scouts of the USA, will take over as interim commissioner. She'll serve until the LPGA board finds a replacement, which it hopes to do by the end of the year.

Evans has limited experience in professional golf; she only began serving on the LPGA board this year and her only prior work was on an LPGA commissioner's advisory council in 2007 and 2008.

She intends to stay in the job only while the job search for a permanent replacement continues.

claimed the championship in 2005.

Kung, of Taiwan, had a 2-under 69 and was alone in second at 1-over 285.

Despite her struggles, Kerr held the lead until the back nine and shot a 4-over 75, tying In-Kyung Kim of South Korea for third at 2-over 286.

Ji made a double-bogey at the 10th, but said it had a calming effect. She went on to make birdies on the 13th, 14th and 18th.

"Up until that point, Cristie Kerr was so far ahead, I just didn't think anyone was going to be able to catch her," Ji said. "But after that double-bogey on No. 10, I basically cleared my mind and said let's go and play out the rest of the round."

## PGA Tour

# Stricker gets boost for British

The Associated Press

SILVIS, Ill. — Steve Stricker remembers the strong start to his career in the 1990s and the deep bunker he hit after that, so he can't quite pinpoint his standing in the game.

He just knows it's good.

"I had a lot of good things happen to me the last four years," Stricker said.

The latest is this.

Stricker followed the lowest round of his career with 36 solid holes Sunday to win the John Deere Classic by three strokes.

Stricker, who tied the course record Saturday, fired a 7-under 64 in the fourth round after starting the day with a third-round 68 to finish at 264 for the tournament. That was good enough to give him his second PGA Tour victory this year and sixth in all, not to mention a heavy dose of momentum heading into the British Open to go with the \$774,000 check.

"I do think about where I was five years ago a lot,"

said Stricker, now second behind Tiger Woods in the FedEx Cup standings. "You know, I take nothing for granted anymore in this game."

He'll take this, though.

Local favorite Zach Johnson (64, 66), Brandt Snedeker (68, 65) and Brett Quigley (62, 67) all tied for second at 17 under. Quigley also qualified for the British Open, but he won't be making the trip to Turnberry.

Instead, he's going to Milwaukee and will also attend a memorial in Indiana for golfer Chris Smith's wife, Beth, who was killed last month in an auto crash that critically injured their two children.

Stricker's biggest challenge, though, came from Tim Petrovic, who was in his group and was two strokes off the lead heading into the 36th and final hole of the day. But he hit the pond on No. 18 and double-bogeyed, leaving him at 16 under along with Matt Jones (63, 69) and J.J. Henry (66, 68). Second-round leader Darron Stiles (70, 71) finished at 14 under.

## Capps ties Force Hood for NHRA points

The Associated Press

MORRISON, Colo. — Sometimes, Ron Capps has to play the villain, a role he doesn't particularly relish.

A very pro-Ashley Force Hood fan base shows up at the track, wearing her merchandise, and Capps sends them home unhappy.

Capps beat Force Hood in the finals of the Funny Car race Sunday in the Mopar Mile-High

NHRA Nationals, leaping into a tie with her at the top of the overall points standings.

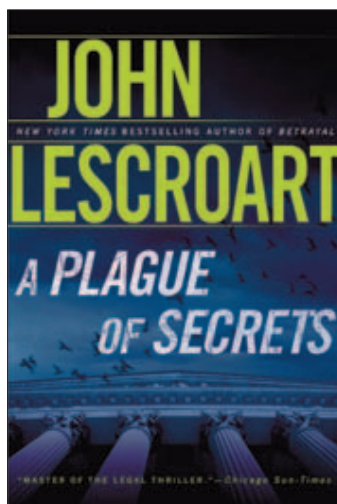
"You have to embrace the fact she's a big deal," said Capps, who captured his fifth victory this season. "But I hate to lose to her."

Antron Brown picked up his third Top Fuel victory of the season, Allen Johnson won in Pro Stock and Eddie Krawiec sped away with a victory in Pro Stock Motorcycles.

Force Hood has finished runner-up the past five times she's advanced to the finals.

"Of course we wanted to win," said Force Hood. "We are bummed, but give us half an hour we'll be back to our normal selves. We'll be able to see the bigger picture that we made it to another final. We just need to keep doing that."

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## Sports briefs

# No surprise: Heat want Wade to stay

The Associated Press

MIAMI — When Dwyane Wade checked his cell phone shortly after midnight Sunday, he got perhaps the most predictable text message of his life.

After all, it hardly classifies as stunning news that the Miami Heat want to keep him.

Wade said Heat president Pat Riley texted those sentiments very early Sunday, in what amounts to a largely ceremonial move. The Heat had to wait until 12:01 a.m. on July 12 before they could formally offer an extension to the reigning NBA scoring champion, and Wade said Riley didn't wait too long before pressing the send button.

"It's no rush," Wade said. "We all know that."

Wade didn't reveal specifics of what the text message said, other than confirming the obvious, that Riley was reaffirming Miami's hope that the 2006 NBA Finals MVP sticks around for many years to come.

"Something like that," Wade said, moments before he and Alonzo Mourning capped the five-day Zo's Summer Groove fundraising series with a charity game featuring other NBA standouts like Caron Butler, Chris Paul, Carmelo Anthony and Wade's Miami teammates Udonis Haslem, Michael Beasley, Daequan Cook, Mario Chalmers and Dorell Wright.

Wade's agent, Henry Thomas, and Riley both confirmed that the Heat formally extended an offer. Both declined further comment.

Wade, who can become a free agent after this coming season, essentially has two options: Accept an extension that would keep him under contract in Miami through the summer of 2014, or opt out of his deal next year and seek a contract through 2015-16, one that would likely be worth up to \$45 million more.

In other NBA news:

■ The Cleveland Cavaliers signed veteran free-agent Anthony Parker to add depth to the backcourt.

The 34-year-old Parker played in 80 games for the Toronto Raptors last season and averaged 10.7 points and 3.4 assists. Terms were not disclosed.

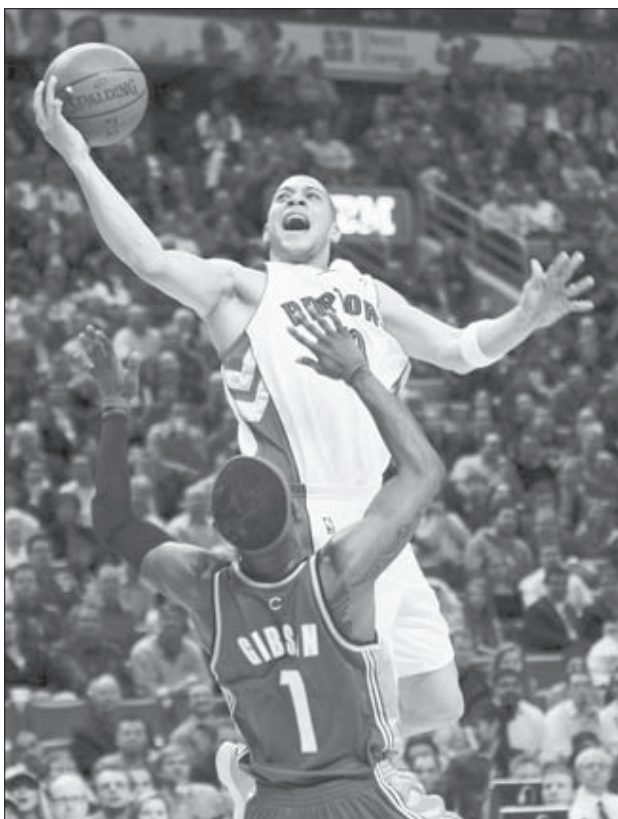
Cavs general manager Danny Ferry said Monday that Cleveland went after the 6-foot-6 guard/forward for his shooting and defensive skills.

■ Free agent guard Jannero Pargo signed a one-year deal with the Chicago Bulls.

Terms were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-1 guard, known for his outside shooting, was also with Chicago from 2003-06. Pargo played in Russia and Greece last season. He is a six-year NBA veteran, having also spent time with the Lakers, Raptors and Hornets.

He has averaged 6.9 points in 316 regular-season games, while shooting 36.5 percent from the three-point line. In 33 playoff games, his average is 6.5 points and 36.8 percent on three-pointers.



NATHAN DENETTE/AP

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Pargo gives the Bulls backcourt depth after they lost leading scorer Ben Gordon to Detroit.

## Lemaire returning as coach of Devils

NEWARK, N.J. — Jacques Lemaire is returning for a second stint as coach of the New Jersey Devils.

Lemaire led the Devils to the Stanley Cup in 1995. He was hired Monday to replace Brent Sutter, who resigned after two seasons with New Jersey.

Lemaire coached the Devils from 1993 to 1998. The Stanley Cup title in 1995 was the first of three for the Devils.

The 63-year-old Lemaire coached the Minnesota Wild from 2000 through the end of this past season, when he resigned.

Lemaire has won 11 Stanley Cups as a player, coach and executive. He has a career coaching record of 538-415-176 in 14 seasons with Montreal, New Jersey and Minnesota.

In other NHL news:

■ Jerry Reinsdorf and his partners won't be subjected to questioning by attorneys for team owner Jerry Moyes as they work to put together a bid to buy the Phoenix Coyotes in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Judge Redfield T. Baum rejected Monday a request by Moyes to have Reinsdorf and several others in the potential ownership group give depositions before the July 24 deadline for submitting their bid.

However, the NHL reached an

agreement with Moyes' attorneys to have commissioner Gary Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly give depositions July 22 and 23 in New York.

## Monarchs fire coach Boucek, GM Whisenant steps in

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento Monarchs fired coach Jenny Boucek, replacing her with general manager John Whisenant.

The move was made Sunday, a day after the team fell to 3-10 following a 107-105 loss to the Phoenix Mercury. Whisenant, who already worked three-plus seasons as coach and won a WNBA title in 2005, will continue to serve in both capacities.

Boucek took over as coach on Nov. 15, 2006, and went 40-41.

In other WNBA news:

■ Connecticut Sun forward Tamika Whitmore plans to have arthroscopic surgery on her right knee and is expected to miss about three weeks.

Whitmore missed Saturday's game against Detroit with bone spurs in her right knee, ending a streak of 204 consecutive games played.

Surgery to remove the spurs is scheduled for Tuesday. Whitmore had been averaging 6.6 points in 10 games with the Sun this season.

## Woods gets Westwood, Ishikawa for British Open

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Tiger Woods can expect even more attention than usual the first

two rounds of the British Open. He is playing with Lee Westwood of England and Japanese sensation Ryo Ishikawa.

Woods has never played with the 17-year-old Ishikawa, who made history at 15 when he won on the Japan Golf Tour, the youngest winner on a sanctioned circuit. They met briefly in Arizona at the Accenture Match Play Championship, captured by dozens of photographers.

Defending champion Padraig Harrington will play with former U.S. Open champions Jim Furyk and Geoff Ogilvy.

The first group Thursday includes former Open champion Mark Calcavecchia.

## Reds says Bruce's wrist shows no tendon or ligament damage

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds said outfielder Jay Bruce's broken right wrist shows no damage to tendons or ligaments, but he is expected to be out for six to eight weeks.

Bruce was hurt Saturday night while trying to make a sliding catch on David Wright's liner in the first inning of a 4-0 loss to the Mets in New York.

He was placed on the 15-day disabled list and returned to Cincinnati to be examined by Dr. Timothy Kremchek, the team's medical director.

In other baseball news:

■ The Minnesota Twins are recalling second baseman Alexi Casilla from Triple-A Rochester in hopes he can provide a spark to their unbalanced offense.

Casilla was the starting second baseman out of spring training, but he slumped badly early in the season and fell out of favor with manager Ron Gardenhire for his sloppy play.

In two stints with the Twins this year, he is hitting .180 with three doubles and five RBIs.

■ A South Florida judge has reinstated the bond of former major leaguer Jim Leyritz, who was arrested earlier this month on a domestic battery charge.

Broward Circuit Judge Marc Gold approved Leyritz's release Monday. Leyritz has been jailed since he was charged with domestic battery against his ex-wife on July 2. The charge was considered a violation of his bond conditions.

The 45-year-old Leyritz is awaiting a DUI manslaughter trial for a 2007 crash that killed a woman.

■ The corporate owner of the Chicago Cubs is considering having the team file for bankruptcy protection. People knowledgeable about the process say the move would hasten the club's long-awaited sale by cleaning up its books.

Tribune Co., which itself filed for bankruptcy protection in December, intends for the Cubs' own stay in Chapter 11 to last just a day or two.

Two people familiar with the process described it to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday because the

bankruptcy plans are not yet public.

The move is not imminent and does not signify that the team cannot pay its bills, one of the people said.

The family of TD Ameritrade founder Joe Ricketts remains the front-runner to buy the team, but there is no final agreement.

■ Cuban pitcher Aroldis Chapman, who defected this month after arriving with his national team for a tournament in the Netherlands, has signed with an agent.

Chapman will be represented by Athletes Premier International, which is headed by Edwin Leonel Mejia. If Chapman follows the path of previous Cuban baseball players who defected, he would establish residency outside the United States and become a free agent, able to sign with any of the 30 major league teams.

## Ole Miss' Hardy, McCluster involved in car accident

OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi standouts Greg Hardy and Dexter McCluster avoided serious injury during a two-car accident over the weekend.

Both were bruised and sore after Saturday's accident, but otherwise OK, the school said in a statement Monday.

Hardy, an all-Southeastern Conference defensive end, aggravated a right foot injury that cost him several games last season and spring practice.

Hardy has twice had surgery to repair a broken bone in his foot and will wear a boot for the next 10 days. Doctors will re-evaluate the senior after the boot comes off. He was working out daily before the accident with no problems, the school said.

McCluster, a senior who plays wide receiver, running back and quarterback in the Wildcat formation, had bruises.

## Patriots sign second-round draft pick Butler

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots have signed second-round draft pick Darius Butler.

The 5-foot-10, 185-pound cornerback was a first-team All-Big East pick as a senior at Connecticut in 2008. He finished his college career with 125 total tackles and 10 interceptions.

He was taken with the 41st pick overall.

## Gay to run 200 meters in London Grand Prix

LONDON — Triple world champion Tyson Gay will run the 200 meters in the London Grand Prix later this month as part of his preparations for the world championships in Berlin.

The American sprinter, who won gold in the 100 and 200 dashes and the 400 relay in the worlds at Osaka two years ago, has raced only one 200 this season, being clocked in 19.58 seconds in May in New York.

The London meet is July 24-25, three weeks before the worlds.



## Tour de France

# Armstrong putting pressure on teammate

## Tensions rise as American eager to pass Contador

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN  
The Associated Press

TARBES, France — Lance Armstrong carried on playing mind games with his younger rival and teammate Alberto Contador on Sunday, hinting that he might be the strongest rider this year on the Tour and admitting for the first time that some tension exists on the Astana team.

With the race's toughest tests still to come, the 37-year old Texan has decided to put the pressure on the Spaniard's shoulders and to show he is still in control despite trailing Contador by a fistful of seconds overall.

After Sunday's ninth stage out of the Pyrenees mountains, the Texan is third — a solid result for a man coming back to competition after nearly four years in retirement. But the seven-time Tour champion wants more and has settled an appointment with second-placed Contador in the Alps.

"There's not going to be a lot of change until Verbier," Armstrong said, referring to stage 15, a grueling 128.9-mile trek between Pontarlier and Verbier, Switzerland. "We'll have more moments there when we'll see who's truly the strongest."

Despite losing 21 seconds to Contador in the first hilltop finish Friday in the Andorran ski resort of Arcalis, Armstrong seems convinced he can beat his Astana teammate in his quest for an eighth Tour de France triumph. Armstrong, who has meticulously previewed all the Alpine stages, even



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

**Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, left, and teammate and rival Alberto Contador of Spain, right, climb towards Col de Port, France, during the eighth stage of the Tour de France on Saturday. Armstrong acknowledged Sunday that there is tension between the Astana teammates.**

stated that he decided to let Contador go to favor his team interests when the Spaniard made his dazzling move in Arcalis.

"I wouldn't say that I could have easily followed, because it was an impressive attack," Armstrong said. "I probably could have gone, but I didn't see it coming and it wouldn't be correct for me to go across. So, I waited for the other guys."

"I expected them to be able to pull it back and they didn't, but that's life, that's cycling, and I had to do the right thing."

According to Armstrong and Astana manager Johan Bruyneel, a close friend

of Armstrong, Contador went against the team's strategy when he attacked.

"The honest truth is that there is a little tension," Armstrong said Sunday on France-2 television, in the most explicit comments yet that their teamwork may be taking a back seat to their individual ambitions. "Contador is strong, and he is very ambitious."

Contador, 26, has won all three Grand Tours of France, Italy and Spain — a feat accomplished by only five riders. Until now, the Spaniard has been careful not to speak too much about his ambitions, pre-

ferring to answer on the saddle.

"We knew that the Pyrenees were going to be the softest mountains on this Tour," he said. "Now I want to rest tomorrow and to stay calm during the first five days of next week before thinking about the next hilltop finish in Verbier."

With the Alps, a final individual time trial and the dreaded Mont Ventoux in the penultimate stage, the last week of the Tour will be crucial. Armstrong hopes to find his top form by then.

"That's my plan. I hope so. We'll see. There's no guarantees — I hope so," he said.

Before Monday's rest day in Limoges, Armstrong is third overall, eight seconds behind leader Rinaldo Nocentini, who is not seen as an overall threat. Contador, the 2007 champion, is six seconds back while other pre-race contenders are lagging well behind. Christian Vande Velde of the U.S. is eighth, 1:24 behind; Andy Schleck of Luxembourg is 1:49 back in ninth; defending Tour champion Carlos Sastre of Spain is 2:52 back in 16th; and Cadel Evans of Australia is 3:07 back in 18th place.

"Honestly, if I was Cadel Evans, or Andy Schleck, or Carlos Sastre, I would be waiting," Armstrong said. "I would wait for my moment in the Alps, on Ventoux, whatever, and I would stick it in as hard as I could. I would just pull the knife out and go."

While Contador has been linked to a move to the Caisse d'Epargne team next season and is likely to leave Astana, Armstrong confirmed he could extend his comeback by one more year. Asked by a French TV interviewer if this would be his last year in the race, Armstrong said: "Probably not. Probably not. Maybe one more Tour."

The seven-time champion, who is riding for the Astana team without salary this year, has previously hinted that he may launch his own team next season.

# Police accuse wife in boxer Gatti's strangulation

By BRADLEY BROOKS  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Police investigating the death of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti are working on the assumption his wife strangled him with her purse strap while he drunkenly slept. The woman's lawyer, however, insists she is innocent and was too "fragile" to kill a boxer.

Lead investigator Moises Teixeira told The Associated Press on Monday that nothing is being ruled out but that he is certain the woman acted by herself.

"It was technically impossible for a third person to have been in the flat," where Gatti, 37, was found dead early Saturday, Teixeira said. "The investigation isn't finished, but we continue to think she did this alone."

Gatti's Brazilian wife, Amanda Rodrigues, 23, told investigators she awoke Saturday about 6 a.m. to find her husband's body in the apartment they rented in Porto de Galinhas, a seaside resort in northeastern Pernambuco state.

Rodrigues told police she had a fight with Gatti after dinner Friday night and he pushed her to

the ground, resulting in minor injuries to her elbow and chin. Witnesses also reported to police the couple fought and that Gatti was drunk.

Rodrigues told police the former super featherweight and junior welterweight champion then got into a cab with their son and returned to their rented apartment, leaving her alone downtown.

Teixeira said witnesses told police Gatti left his son to sleep in the apartment, then returned to the city center to find his wife. She arrived at the apartment before he did and waited for him. They then went upstairs together.

Rodrigues told police she slept on the second floor of the apartment with her son, while Gatti slept on the first floor. She told police she awoke at 6 a.m. to feed her son and discovered her husband's body. Police say he most likely had been killed at least four hours before that.

Teixeira said police do not think anyone else entered the apartment and killed Gatti. He said there were no signs of forced entry, and electronic locks indicated nobody else had entered

the room aside from Rodrigues and Gatti.

The investigator said Rodrigues told them she thought her husband had committed suicide or that someone had entered the apartment and killed him. Teixeira ruled out both scenarios.

Rodrigues' sister, Flavia, told the newspaper Folha de S. Paulo there is "no way she could have strangled a man of that size."

Rodrigues' attorney, Celio Avelino, told the AP he agreed with Flavia's conclusion and he would request Amanda be freed from jail Tuesday pending the conclusion of the investigation.

"She is fragile, young and skinny. How could she kill a boxing champion?" Avelino said. "When she awoke, she presumed he had committed suicide. But she had nothing to do with it."

Flavia Rodrigues said her sister told her she thought Gatti had committed suicide, although she said she knew of no reason the boxer would kill himself or why the pair had fought.

The sister told Recife's TV Jornal news station that "Amanda told us she didn't kill Arturo, and we believe her."

The pair married in 2007 and, according to Rodrigues, had a rocky relationship.

According to Brazilian law, police accuse a person of a crime but it is up to the prosecutor to formally file a charge. Teixeira said police have until July 22 to deliver their findings to the prosecutor's office, but he hoped the investigation would be completed before then.

Rodrigues was accused of the crime Sunday and taken into custody. She was transferred to a woman's prison in the state capital Recife. She maintains her innocence.

Gatti, Rodrigues and their 10-month-old son arrived in Brazil on Friday for what they told a local real estate agent was a second honeymoon. The baby, who was unhurt, is now with Rodrigues' family in Brazil.

Gatti, a Canadian, fought an epic trilogy with Micky Ward that branded him one of the most exciting fighters of his generation. He retired in 2007 with a career record of 40-9 and 31 knockouts.

Known for his straightforward punching and granitelike chin,



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**Brazilian authorities have detained Amanda Rodrigues, wife of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti, as a suspect following his death at a posh seaside resort in northeastern Brazil.**

Gatti captured the super featherweight title in 1995, when he defeated Tracy Harris Patterson.

He won the junior welterweight title in 2004.



## All-Star Game briefs

# Lincecum, Halladay to start on mound

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Tim Lincecum and Roy Halladay were selected Monday as the starting pitchers for the All-Star Game.

Last year's NL Cy Young Award winner, Lincecum is 10-2 with a 2.33 ERA for the San Francisco Giants. He will get the ball Tuesday night at Busch Stadium, NL manager Charlie Manuel announced.

Lincecum made the All-Star team for last season's game at Yankee Stadium but was unable to pitch because he was ill.

"This is a great accomplishment for me," Lincecum said, his long, shaggy hair protruding from under a black knit cap. "I think tomorrow the big thing is going to be just getting to the field. And after that, just getting on the field."

Halladay, 10-3 with a 2.85 ERA for the Toronto Blue Jays, was chosen by AL manager Joe Maddon.

This is Halladay's sixth All-Star appearance, but his first chance to start — and it could be his final trip in a Toronto uniform.

Blue Jays general manager J.P. Ricciardi said last week he'll listen to trade offers for the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner, who is signed through 2010 and would have to agree to a deal.

During a news conference Monday, broadcaster Bob Costas called Halladay a member of the Blue Jays "at least for the moment," which drew a round of uneasy chuckles.

"It's tough. Obviously, I'm somewhere that I enjoy being and have spent my entire career. There's a lot, I think, that goes into it," Halladay said. "I think as a player, there's that will to win, that will to do it in October and basically that's what all of this has been about. I would like that chance. I'm not saying it won't be Toronto. You'd like to be three games up in first place and not have to deal with it."

Lincecum and Halladay each



Rob Carr/AP

**Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Roy Halladay, who is 10-3 with a 2.85 ERA, will start for the American League in the All-Star Game on Tuesday night in St. Louis. It's possible that Halladay will be making his last start in a Blue Jays uniform. The team is listening to trade offers for the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner.**

pitched Thursday, so both will be on their regular four days of rest.

In his most recent outing against San Diego, Lincecum carried a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and won his fourth straight outing.

Halladay, who has won more games than any other major league pitcher since 2002, has made three starts since returning from a stint on the disabled list with a groin strain. Maddon's Tampa Bay Rays are 5-3 against the two-time 20-game winner over the last two-plus seasons.

"I see him way too often," Maddon said.

Manuel chose one of his own Phillies players, Gold Glove win-

ner Shane Victorino, to start in center field in place of injured Carlos Beltran, who was elected by fans.

"I wanted a guy that had played center field to put out there," Manuel said.

Florida shortstop Hanley Ramirez will lead off for the NL, followed by Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley, St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols and Milwaukee slugger Ryan Braun in right. Raul Ibanez of the Phillies will be in left and bat fifth, in front of Mets third baseman David Wright, Victorino, Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina and Lincecum.

Lincecum, a boyish-looking right-hander, is tied for the major league lead with 149 strikeouts. He was asked if he would take any precautions to make sure he doesn't get sick again this year. He said he would load up on fluids to stay hydrated and have Giants teammate Matt Cain "put a leash around my neck, keep me in a room."

For the AL, Seattle right fielder Ichiro Suzuki leads off and Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is in the No. 2 hole. Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer bats third, followed by New York first baseman Mark Teixeira, Boston left fielder Jason Bay, Texas center fielder Josh Hamilton, Tampa Bay third

baseman Evan Longoria, Toronto second baseman Aaron Hill and Halladay.

"It's just a great honor for me and I'm extremely excited," Halladay said. "A highlight moment for me in my career, so thank you."

Hill will start in place of Boston's Dustin Pedroia, last year's league MVP. Pedroia's wife, Kelli, is seven months pregnant and has been in the hospital since Monday with complications.

Halladay was chosen to start over Kansas City ace Zack Greinke, among others. Greinke is 10-5 with an AL-best 2.12 ERA.

## Obama to make appearance in Fox broadcast booth

ST. LOUIS — President Barack Obama will be in the Fox broadcast booth for Tuesday night's All-Star Game.

Fox spokesman Lou D'Ermilio said Monday that Obama will join Joe Buck and Tim McCarver for the telecast from Busch Stadium but that the inning had not yet been determined.

Obama is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

## Late rally lifts World team to win in rainy Futures Game

ST. LOUIS — Rene Tosoni and Dayan Viciedo hit consecutive RBI doubles to cap a four-run comeback that carried the World team past the United States 7-5 on Sunday in a soggy start to All-Star festivities at Busch Stadium.

Baseball's annual showcase for top minor league talent was interrupted for 4 hours, 9 minutes in the first inning by a heavy storm.

Because of the delay, the game was shortened to seven innings.

Colorado's Eric Young hit a solo homer and Houston's Jason Castro a three-run shot that gave the U.S. a 5-3 lead going into the seventh. But with three outs remaining, the World team rallied against losing pitcher Trevor Reckling of the Los Angeles Angels.

# Wakefield: Pitcher wants to stay with Red Sox

## WAKEFIELD, FROM BACK PAGE

Wakefield's Red Sox and All-Star teammate Josh Beckett tied him with his 11th victory Sunday as Boston beat the Kansas City Royals 6-0.

Wakefield also climbed on the Red Sox career lists. He leads the club with 394 starts, two more than Roger Clemens. His 175 victories are second to Clemens' and Cy Young's 192. He's second with 1,858 strikeouts to Clemens' 2,590.

He's also first in losses (143) and walks (999).

All those numbers come with longevity and he wants to stay with the Red Sox as long as they want him.

After going 16-12 with a 4.15

ERA in 2005, Wakefield shunned free agency for a \$4 million, one-year contract that gave the Red Sox the right to renew it annually at the same amount. They've done that four times already.

"He's meant so much not only to the Red Sox but to the rest of baseball," manager Terry Francona said. "He's going to be introduced in St. Louis next week and he's going to be one of the prouder guys."

Wakefield began his major league career as if he would be a fixture in All-Star Games.

Called up from the minors by the Pirates on July 31, 1992, he went 8-1 with a 2.15 ERA in the regular season. Then he pitched two complete-game victories against Atlanta in the NL champi-

onship series. His Game 6 victory tied the series. John Smoltz, who pitched Game 7 for the Braves, was concerned.

"I was afraid he might pitch Game 7. That's how good he was against us," said Smoltz, now part of the same rotation as Wakefield. "I knew he could go (in that game). At least that was the fear some of us had because we had really no chance against him."

Wakefield didn't, and Atlanta won 3-2 with three runs in the ninth inning.

Wakefield won Pittsburgh's 1993 season opener, then struggled and was sent down. In 1994, he was out of the majors, and led the American Association in losses with a 5-15 record for Buffalo.

Then, like the unpredictability

of his knuckler, Wakefield resurfaced with the Red Sox. They signed him to a minor league free agent contract on April 27, 1995, and he started at Triple-A Pawtucket. A month later, he was in the majors.

He finished that season at 16-8 with a 2.95 ERA that earned him third place in the AL Cy Young balloting.

There have been plenty of disappointments since then.

Wakefield was left off Boston's 1999 ALCS roster, against his wishes. He gave up Aaron Boone's 2003 ALCS-clinching homer in the 11th inning of Game 7 against the New York Yankees. And he missed the 2007 World Series with a shoulder injury after going 17-12. Boston won anyway.

Last season, he was 10-11 with a 4.13 ERA but had shoulder problems toward the end.

"I really spent a long time this winter making sure I was going to stay healthy," Wakefield said.

He hasn't missed a start this year and will be rested on Tuesday for his first appearance with the best players in the game. He'll be bringing along the knuckler that left Cabrera baffled.

"The guy well deserved it for many years," Cabrera said, "and, finally, he got to be an All-Star."

AP Sports Writers Jon Krawczynski in Minneapolis, Larry Lage in Detroit and Kristie Rieken in Houston and AP freelancer Ken Powtak in Boston contributed to this report.





MLB scoreboard

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	34	.614	—
New York	51	37	.580	3
Tampa Bay	48	41	.539	6½
Toronto	44	46	.489	11
Baltimore	40	48	.455	14
Central Division				
Detroit	48	39	.552	—
Chicago	45	43	.511	3½
Minnesota	45	44	.506	4
Seattle	37	51	.420	11½
Kansas City	35	54	.393	14
West Division				
Los Angeles	49	37	.570	—
Texas	48	39	.552	1½
Seattle	46	42	.523	4
Oakland	37	49	.430	12

Sunday's games				
Detroit 10, Cleveland 1				
Boston 6, Kansas City 0				
Baltimore 4, Toronto 2				
Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 3				
Minnesota 13, Chicago White Sox 7				
L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 4				
Seattle 5, Texas 1				
Monday's games				
No games scheduled				
Tuesday's game				
All-Star Game at St. Louis				

Sunday				
Tigers 10, Indians 1				
Cleveland				
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JCarroll 2b	1	0	0	0
Sizemr cf	5	2	0	0
VMrtnc c	3	0	1	0
Gimenez c	2	0	0	0
Choo lf	4	0	0	0
Hafner dh	3	1	0	0
JNPerls 3b	3	1	0	0
Garko 1b	4	0	1	0
Valuen 2b-ss	4	0	1	0
BFrcns rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	7	1
Detroit				
	ab	r	h	bi
Grndrs cf	4	0	1	0
Poland 2b	3	0	0	0
Everett ss	0	0	0	0
McCarb 1b	3	1	1	0
Raburn lf	1	0	0	0
Thams dh	4	3	4	1
Thoms rf	4	2	3	5
Inge 3b	4	2	2	3
JAndrs lf	4	0	0	0
Laird c	4	1	1	0
Santiag 2b-3b	3	1	1	0
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Cleveland				
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WABreu	1½	3	2	3
C.Perez	1	0	0	0
R.Betancourt	1	1	0	0
Detroit				
Verlander W,10-4	7	5	0	0
Seay	1	1	0	0
Miner	½	1	1	3
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T—2:48. A—39,680 (41,255).				

Red Sox 6, Royals 0				
Kansas City				
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Deless rf	4	0	1	0
Maier cf	3	0	1	0
Butler 1b	4	0	0	0
Teahan 3b	3	0	1	0
JGuillen lf	2	0	0	0
B.Pena dh	3	0	0	0
Callasp 2b	3	0	0	0
J.Buck c	3	0	0	0
Pena Jr ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	0	3	0
Boston				
	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	4	1	0	0
Peidroia 2b	4	1	2	0
Yokulis 3b	5	0	2	1
D.Ortiz dh	5	1	1	1
Bay lf	0	0	0	0
Vartek c	3	0	1	0
Baldell rf	5	2	1	0
NGreen ss	2	0	0	0
Bates 1b	4	1	3	1
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Mariners 5, Rangers 3				
Texas				
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MYong 3b	3	0	0	0
Hamlet cf	4	0	0	0
ANJons dh	2	1	0	0
Blalock 1b	4	1	2	0
Byrd lf	4	0	1	0
N.Cruz rf	4	1	1	0
Tegrdn c	3	0	0	0
DVkrp ph	1	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	4	3
Seattle				
	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	5	1	2	1
Branny 1b	4	0	1	0
JoLopez 2b	5	1	1	0
Griffy dh	3	0	1	0
JoWlsn pr-dh	1	0	0	0
GFtrcz cf	4	2	2	0
Lngtrn lf	2	1	0	0
Shelton ph	1	0	1	0
Bntn pr-lf	0	0	0	0
Rhnsn c	4	0	1	0
Hannhn 3b	4	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	3	0	2	0
Totals	35	5	11	5
LOB—Texas 6, Seattle 10, 2B—JoLopez (18), Cedeno (3), HR—Blalock (19), N.Cruz (22).				

Texas				
	IP	H	R	ER
Nippert	3½	5	3	2
Holland	2½	2	0	0
O'Day L-2-1	2	2	2	0
C.Wilson	1	2	0	1
Jennings	½	0	0	0
Seattle				
Bedard	5½	3	2	2
Batista W,6-3 BS,3-3	1½	1	1	1
M.Lowe H,13	1	0	0	0
Aardsma S,20-22	0	0	0	1
T—2:51. A—33,220 (47,878).				



Orioles 4, Blue Jays 2				
Toronto				
	ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro ss	3	0	2	1
A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
Lind lf	3	0	1	0
Rolen 3b	4	0	0	0
V.Wells cf	4	0	2	0
Overay 1b	4	1	1	0
Rios rf	3	0	0	0
Delucc dh	3	1	1	0
Bautist ph	1	0	0	0
RChavz c	3	0	1	0
JMcDnl pr	0	0	0	0
Baraj c	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	8	2
Baltimore				
	ab	r	h	bi
BRorts 2b	4	1	2	2
ADjons cf	3	0	0	0
Marks rf	4	0	1	1
Wgntn 1b	3	0	0	0
Reimld lf	4	0	1	0
Pie lf	0	0	0	0
Mora 3b	3	0	0	0
Zaun c	2	0	0	0
Clzturs ss	3	2	1	0
Totals	29	4	7	4
E—Scutaro (3), Mora (7), DP—Toronto 2, Baltimore 2, LOB—Toronto 7, Baltimore 5, 2B—Scutaro (27), Lind (27), Overay (18), Delucci (4), B.Roberts (29), HR—O.Salazar (2), SB—B.Roberts (18), Reimold (2), SF—Scutaro.				

Angels 5, Yankees 4				
New York				
	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf	4	0	1	0
Swisher ph-lf	0	0	0	0
Jeter ss	5	0	2	1
Veier 1b	5	0	1	0
ADrgz 3b	5	0	0	0
Hnatsu dh	1	1	0	0
Camto 2b	4	1	1	0
Hinske rf	3	0	0	0
McCarf lf-cf	3	2	2	1
JMolin c	1	0	0	0
Posada ph-c	1	0	1	2
Totals	33	4	8	4
Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b	4	1	2	0
Mizturs ss	3	1	2	1
BAreu rf	4	1	2	1
Napoli dh	4	0	1	0
Mthols cf	3	1	0	0
HKndr 2b	2	1	1	1
B.Wood 1b	3	0	0	1
KMorls 1b	0	0	0	0
Quinlan lf	2	0	1	1
Willits lf	2	0	0	0
JMaths c	2	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	9	5
E—H.Kendrick (4), K.Morales (6), DP—New York 2, Los Angeles 3, LOB—New York 9, Los Angeles 6, 2B—Mc.Cabrera (14), B.Abreu (17), Napoli (1), H.Kendrick (8), 3B—Figgins (7), CS—Quinlan (1), S—M.Izturis, SF—Posada.				

Athletics 7, Rays 3				
Oakland				
	ab	r	h	bi
Kenndy 3b	5	0	2	0
OCarer ss	5	0	2	1
Hairstn cf	5	0	1	0
Holliday lf	5	2	2	0
GCruz 1b	4	0	0	0
KSuzuk dh	4	2	3	2
Powell c	3	1	0	0
RDavis rf	2	0	0	0
Cust ph	1	0	1	0
SWny rf	1	0	1	0
M.Ellis 2b	4	2	1	2
Totals	39	7	14	7
Tampa Bay				
	ab	r	h	bi
BUpton cf	5	0	0	0
Wayar 2b	4	0	0	0
Longo 3b	4	0	1	0
C.Pena 1b	2	1	0	0
Zobrist rf-lf	4	1	2	0
Burrell dh	4	1	2	2
Bartlett ss	4	1	1	1
Kapler lf	2	0	0	0
Gross ph-rf	2	0	0	0
Mhrnd c	2	0	1	0
Crwfr lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	7	3
DP—Tampa Bay 1, Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 7, 2B—Kennedy (13), O.Cabrera (17), Holliday (19), K.Suzuki (23), Burrell (10), HR—M.Ellis (3), SB—Holliday (10), Bartlett (19), CS—R.Sweeney (3).				

Twins 13, White Sox 7				
Chicago				
	ab	r	h	bi
Pdsdnk lf-cf-lf3	1	0	1	0
AlRmrz ss	4	1	2	0
Dye rf	4	1	0	0
J.Nix ph	1	0	0	0
Thome dh	3	1	3	0
RCastr ph-dh	0	1	1	0
Konerk 1b	3	0	1	0
Fields ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Przyns c	5	0	0	0
Getz 2b	4	2	2	0
Bckhm 3b	4	0	2	1
Wise cf-lf	2	0	1	0
BrAndr ph-cf	2	0	1	0
Totals	38	7	11	7
Minnesota				
	ab	r	h	bi
Span lf	3	3	2	3
BHarrs ss	5	1	3	3
Mauer dh	5	0	0	0
Mornea lf	5	1	2	0
Cuddy rf	4	1	1	0
Crede 3b	5	2	2	0
Rdmnd c	4	1	2	0
Gomez cf	4	3	5	3
Punto 2b	2	1	0	0
Totals	37	13	15	11
E—Beckham 2 (9), Span (3), DP—Chicago 2, LOB—Chicago 8, Minnesota 5, 2B—Getz (14), Wise (4), B.Harris 2 (15), Morneau (23), Gomez (11), HR—Thome (14), Span (5), B.Harris (5), Gomez (2), SB—Span 2 (16), CS—B.Harris (1), SF—Podsednik.				

Chicago				
	IP	H	R	ER
Buehrle L,9-3	3½	10	8	8
Carrasco	½	2	0	0
Poreda	1	1	2	1
T.Pena	1	2	4	2
Linebrink	1	0	0	0
Chicago				
Buehrle W,7-4	6½	6	5	5
Mijares H,12	½	1	0	0
Guerrier H,18	1½	2	1	0
Keppel	1	2	1	1
Poreda pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. HBP—by T.Pena (Cuddy). PB—Pierzynski. T—2:47. A—36,254 (46,632).				

Angels 5, Yankees 4									
New York					Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf	4	0	1	0	Figgins 3b	4	1	2	0
Swisher ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Mizturs ss	3	1	2	1
Jeter ss	5	0	2	1	Bareu rf	4	1	2	1
Teixeira 1b	5	0	1	0	Napoli dh	4	0	1	0
AdRdrgz 3b	5	0	0	0	Mthwsl cf	3	1	0	0
HnMatsu dh	1	1	0	0	HKndrc 2b	2	1	1	1
Cam 2b	4	1	1	0	B.Wood 1b	3	0	0	1
Hinske rf	3	0	0	0	KMorls 1b	0	0	0	0
McCar lf-cf	3	2	2	1	Quinlan lf	2	0	1	0
JMolin c	1	0	0	0	Willits lf	2	0	0	0
Posada ph-c	1	0	1	2					
Totals	33	4	8	4					

## AL roundup

## Yanks still can't find key vs. Angels

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Derek Jeter sees no reason to be alarmed.

The New York Yankees haven't fared well against two first-place teams in the American League. They are 0-8 against the archrival Boston Red Sox, and are now 2-4 against the Los Angeles Angels after being swept in three games in Southern California.

John Lackey pitched seven innings and the Angels knocked around CC Sabathia to complete a sweep of New York with a 5-4 victory on Sunday.

"You can't change it now. You have to make adjustments," Jeter said. "What happened against Boston is a long time ago. Here they beat us three games, but we battled."

So is it a setback?

"I don't think it is. It's over now," Jeter said.

Lackey (4-4) quickly worked through the Yankees lineup, allowing two runs on six hits. The Angels' ace struck out six in one of his most efficient starts of the season.

"He was spotting up very well today," said Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, Lackey's former teammate with the Angels. "He made pitches when he needed to. John's been one of the best pitchers in baseball over the last six or seven years and he showed that today."

Sabathia (8-6) gave up five runs and struck out six in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings against the Angels, who have won eight of the past nine games against the Yankees in Anaheim.

Brian Fuentes struck out Alex Rodriguez for the final out to earn his 26th save in 29 chances.

Sabathia, who was 5-1 with a 2.33 ERA away from Yankee Stadium, was solid through three innings. He got help from Rodriguez and Robinson Cano on dou-



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

**New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez heads back to the dugout after striking out to end Sunday's game against the Los Angeles Angels. The Angels won 5-4 to complete a three-game sweep.**

ble plays to get out of the first and third innings, but gave up four runs in the fourth.

Bobby Abreu and Howie Kendrick had RBI doubles and Brandon Wood and Robb Quinlan added RBI singles.

"We had some guys go down, but that just shows the depth of the organization," Chone Figgins said, referring to the loss of All-Star Torii Hunter (strained adductor) and slugger Vladimir

Guerrero (strained muscle) to injuries. "Lackey showed why he's the ace of this team, and we got some clutch hitting and some really good defense. When you do stuff like that, you have the opportunity to win a lot of games."

The Yankees finished 3-3 on their trip before the All-Star break and dropped to 5-15 this season against the four teams in first place at the break: Boston (East), Detroit (Central), the An-

gels (West) and the Philadelphia Phillies (NL East).

"We don't like it, but we can't let this carry into Friday. We have four days off, we have a chance to regroup," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "You're going to go through those streaks, so let's end it on Friday and get back to what we're used to doing."

Los Angeles tacked on a run in the seventh on Maicer Izturis' RBI single.

New York threatened in the seventh and eighth, but the Angels twice escaped bases-loaded jams.

Jorge Posada drove in runs in both innings to cut the Angels' lead to 5-4, and the Yankees looked like they could do more damage with none out in both situations.

But Los Angeles got stellar defensive plays to end both innings.

Lackey struck out Mark Teixeira, and Chone Figgins turned a double play on Rodriguez to halt New York and get the crowd roaring in the seventh.

"Figgins' play was huge. It was a tough play, and he made an outstanding pick," Lackey said. "Then Kendrick on the other end made another nice pick. It was awesome."

Darren Oliver fielded pinch-hitter Nick Swisher's line drive cleanly and turned it into a double play by getting Melky Cabrera out at first to end the eighth.

"It got there in a hurry. With a ball hit that hard, you're just reacting," Oliver said. "I'm happy it went in my glove. That's not the first time it's happened to me. When you go out there and throw strikes, you never know what can happen."

Lackey wasn't the only one impressed with Figgins' snag.

"Those are two of the most unbelievable double plays I've seen. It's just one of those things. The Angels were being the Angels," Rodriguez said.

**Mariners 5, Rangers 3:** Pinch-hitter Chris Shelton and Rob Johnson hit consecutive RBI singles with two out in the seventh inning to lead host Seattle.

All-Star Ichiro Suzuki had two hits and drove in a run for the Mariners to raise his batting average to .362 and extend his hitting streak to 11 games.

Hank Blalock and Nelson Cruz homered for Texas.

## NL roundup

## Hawpe comes through like All-Star for Rockies

The Associated Press

DENVER — Brad Hawpe prepared for his first All-Star game by sending the Colorado Rockies into the break on a positive note.

Hawpe hit a game-ending RBI double to give the Rockies an 8-7 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Sunday and a split of a four-game series.

"What a way for Brad Hawpe to leave here and head for St. Louis," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "That's a very nice send-off for a class human being."

Seth Smith started things with a one-out single off Luis Valdez (0-1), who was making his major league debut. After Garrett Atkins flied out, Hawpe lined a pitch into the gap in right-center to score Smith from first.

"He threw me a couple of fastballs early on and in the back of my mind I wanted to be ready for an off-speed pitch," said Hawpe, who leads the Rockies in hitting (.320) and RBIs (59).

Hawpe, Smith and Troy Tulowitzki homered for Colorado, and Huston Street (3-1) worked a perfect ninth.

Brooks Conrad hit a two-run homer and finished with three hits for Atlanta, which led 7-3 after six innings.

"Nice to be able to have a game like I did, but bitter losing the game," Conrad said. "These are the hardest ones to take."

Colorado pushed across three runs in the seventh and tied it in the eighth. Dexter Fowler scored on left fielder Garret Anderson's error before Smith's two-run

homer cut it to 7-6. Pinch-hitter Ryan Spillborghs doubled in the tying run.

"What really hurt us was walking Fowler with one out in the seventh with a four-run lead," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "That led to everything. We had played a great game until then, and it got away from us."

Jason Hammel gave up five runs and nine hits over three innings for Colorado. It was his shortest outing since he went three innings against San Diego on April 27.

Chipper Jones hit a sacrifice fly and Conrad had an RBI triple in Atlanta's three-run first. Martin Prado gave the Braves a 4-0 lead with a run-scoring single in the second.

Hawpe hit his 14th homer in the

second, Atkins singled in a run in the third and Tulowitzki's leadoff homer in the fourth cut it to 5-3.

"To come back and win a ballgame like that, it was a fun game for us," Hawpe said.

**Diamondbacks 8, Marlins 1:** All-Star Josh Johnson pitched into the seventh inning and Cody Ross drove in three runs with two doubles for visiting Florida.

Jeremy Hermida hit a two-run homer and NL batting leader Hanley Ramirez singled three times as the Marlins entered the All-Star break two games above .500 and four back of NL East-leading Philadelphia. Despite the loss, the Diamondbacks won seven of nine going into the break and were 5-2 on the homestand.

Johnson (8-2) allowed a run on seven hits — all singles — in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>

innings, striking out seven and walking two in his first victory in four starts.

Arizona left-hander Doug Davis (4-9), a leading candidate to be traded before the July 31 deadline, matched his briefest outing of the season at four innings, giving up five runs.

**Padres 10, Giants 4:** Kevin Kouzmanoff and Eliezer Alfonzo hit three-run homers, and Will Venable also connected and set a career high with four hits as visiting San Diego snapped a season-high seven-game skid.

Kevin Correia (6-7) pitched five-plus innings for his career-best sixth victory of the season and Luis Rodriguez drove in two runs runs for the Padres, who enjoyed their highest-scoring game of the season.



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# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: ALL-STAR GAME

# Still throwing good stuff

Fluttering  
knuckleball  
makes Wakefield  
an All-Star in his  
17th season

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON

Orlando Cabrera watched Tim Wakefield's knuckleball weave through the air. It fluttered slowly to the left, then right, then left again — all on the same pitch. Cabrera held only a baseball bat when he could have used a butterfly net.

"I look at him and just smile," the Oakland Athletics shortstop and Wakefield's teammate on the Boston Red Sox's 2004 championship team said after that frustrating at-bat last week. "I'm like, 'I can't hit that. Keep throwing it. I can't hit that.'"

So many hitters have the same problem that, finally, in Wakefield's 17th major league season and 15th with the Red Sox, the pitcher with the calm demeanor and quirky pitch is headed for his first All-Star Game on Tuesday night in St. Louis.

"You go and play professional baseball and you always want to make an All-Star team," Wakefield, 42, said. "I'm very excited about it."

Current and former teammates and managers are delighted.

They praised Wakefield's unselfishness and steadying influence in the clubhouse and on the mound — where he's willing to throw as long as necessary to rest an overworked bullpen. He even pitched in relief between starts in 2003 and 2004.

"I'm thrilled for him. He's been one of the great ambassadors for the game," said Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland, Wakefield's skipper during his brilliant rookie season with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1992. "He had a knuckleball, and he's still throwing it."

Johnny Damon, a former teammate and now an opponent with the New York Yankees: "When it's on it's almost impossible to hit. ... He's been able to call himself a two-time champion. But an All-Star is something as a player you always want people to notice."

Joe Kerrigan, Wakefield's former pitching coach and manager, and the current pitching coach for Pittsburgh: "I think it was long overdue. ... He has really defined the art of the knuckleball."

Very few pitchers throw it, either in the majors or minors.

The Minnesota Twins' R.A. Dickey is one of them and feels Wakefield's All-Star status helps knuckleballers by bringing "some legitimacy to what we do."

"It's more than just a circus pitch. It's a pitch that can really have good results if thrown correctly and he's done it for a long time," Dickey said. "Who is to say he can't throw for three or four more years just as successful? The pitch allows you to do that."

On Wednesday, Wakefield became the AL's winningest pitcher so far this season, improving to 11-3 with a 4.31 ERA after a 5-4 victory in which Cabrera struck out twice.

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Tim Wakefield has spun a career that's left batters baffled by his knuckler and everyone impressed by its longevity.

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